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Editorial.

It has been claimed that a person's character can be determined by an examination of his handwriting, and that every time he signs his name he is unconsciously telling to the world what kind of a person he is. Thus a careless handwriting indicates a careless writer, and vice versa. If, in writing, we bear down so heavily on the pen that the letters are broad and coarse, that shows one trait of character; if the pen is moved lightly over the paper, another trait is shown.

If this be true, that a man is known by the way he writes, what is the character of a person who, in order to be original, forms his autograph in such a manner that it cannot be read except...
by experts? We believe that among other reforms of the nineteenth century there should be a reform in penmanship. Too many of us, in writing letters, or even articles for a paper, are forgetful of the fact that the time of the person to whom we are writing may possibly be as valuable as our own.

We have before us a letter that we received a few years ago from the editor of a certain New England newspaper. It is a short letter, containing only about twenty-five words, and yet we spent some time puzzling over it before we could solve all its mysteries. We keep it now as a curiosity.

But the man who had an almost national fame as a poor penman was Horace Greeley. One cannot wonder that his printers indulged in an occasional burst of profanity while trying to decipher his scrawls; and yet there are a great many people at the present time unconsciously following in his footsteps, and spoiling good paper by covering it with hieroglyphics that would look well on a Chinese laundry check.

O, gentle reader, in conclusion we would urge you, if you ever intend to write anything for publication, to write it plain enough so that poor weak mortals may read it without the use of any supernatural power.

The interest in tennis this spring seems to be in no way diminished from what it has been in former seasons. But there is a disposition, on the part of those who think that their chances of success are not very promising, to hold aloof from the regular college tournament and allow half a dozen players to do practically all the work. Aside from the evil effects upon the men who are finally chosen to represent the college in the intercollegiate tourney, by causing them to consider their positions as practically secured in advance, such a spirit is fatal to the best success of the game. The underclassmen, who must soon step forward and fill the places which will be left vacant, should be developing their powers in the regular spring and fall tournaments.

It is not enough that a few men go out and practice regularly in order to make themselves presentable at Portland. If we are to make even a respectable appearance in the annual contests with the other colleges, there should be such a spirit of rivalry present as to make all places uncertain.

A consideration of the interests at stake and the apparently favorable opportunity to secure one or more cups at the next tournament, should be an inspiration to every one who pretends to wield a racquet. But there can be no success in succeeding years without hard and persistent practice on the part of members of the lower classes. The future of tennis, as well as of every other college interest, rests with them, and to them we must look for the proper discharge of all responsibilities.
class in the college. However, even Juniors cannot be omnipresent, and if the interests of the other classes are to receive the proper amount of attention a little more readiness on their part to furnish news would be in order. The salaries of the local editors are not large enough to enable them to do proper reportorial work on all the other class gatherings, walks, etc., even were they sure of a welcome on all such occasions. In short, let some of the under-classmen be getting in training for the future, and let the Seniors keep in practice, by writing up their class affairs for the benefit of themselves and others.

We are all familiar with the old fable of the snakes, who, out of pure kindness, gave the hedgehog shelter among them; but who were finally driven from their own home by their annoying guest. None the less familiar are we with similar and recent examples of hedgehoggishness in our own locality.

The students of our college, members of the athletic and other associations, have ever been most generous to the fitting schools of the two cities, and have shown them the utmost kindness by allowing them the use of the ball ground, granting them gymnasium privileges for base-ball and foot-ball teams, and, in short, conferring upon them every favor allowed to students of the Latin School (an institution under the direct auspices of the college) or even enjoyed by themselves. But there are some who seem to have no sense of appreciation and who would deprive of their own rights those who have so kindly treated them. General destruction of property is a trifling matter (to those who have no financial interest in the college), and when this is winked at the rabble must content themselves with throwing missiles promiscuously and causing general riot.

But it is said that the High School students do not sanction such disturbances nor participate in them. Then let them show their disapproval of them. Let them provide at least two police officers each game, and, without doubt, order can be preserved. One such disgraceful row ought to be enough to warrant this provision; and the directors of our Athletic Association should make this a rule, and rigidly enforce it.

At least we have a right to expect the fitting school students to use their influence to preserve order and keep their own fellows from assaulting those who would assist them in this. Let us insist that our guests behave as gentlemen or that they be prohibited from all use of college property.

We think we have somewhere read that there was to be a Maine Intercollegiate Field Day this year. We wish more evidences could be seen about Bates that such an event is to be held. There is no need of essays on college loyalty. Every one believes in it, but not every one who might help to do so thinks he has a duty in upholding our athletic reputation.

The captain of the athletic team and a number of men are working hard to prepare themselves for the contests. But modesty is too prominent a quality in many young men. They think, or
pretend to think, that they can do nothing and do not try. Such should consider that any exertion they make will at least be amply repaid in physical benefit. By a united interest and effort we believe Bates can make a good showing at Waterville; without it she certainly cannot. Let us all wake up to the situation.

It is as true as it is trite that the continual dropping of water will wear away the hardest rock, and we hope that it will require no torrent of words to make an impression upon the flinty ledge of habit and indifference. We refer to the pernicious tendency of the students to forget the obvious fact that the success of a college magazine rests with themselves as well as with the editors.

What is the object of a college magazine? Is it to demonstrate the ability or manifest the inefficiency of six unfortunate persons from one class? Certainly not. It is to represent the college by presenting the feelings, the thoughts, the purposes of the students. The best results can never be obtained for a college periodical until the students cultivate a working as well as a reading interest in it.

We are glad that many of the students appreciate the need of the paper, and the necessity of cultivating their own talents; we are certain, however, that there are great minds yet asleep or dreaming, who need to be aroused to the inevitable conclusion that tempus fugit and man dies. Let us, as students, take pins and make sure if we are really alive, and if we are, let us dig our elbows into our eyes and try to get awake. Let us ascertain if we haven't a genius for writing orations, essays, stories, satires, or poems—and by the term genius we mean an ability for hard work. Remember Addison didn't know his own power until he began to contribute to the Spectator.

The writer does not believe in the idea that the editors should contribute extensively to the literary department of their paper. Their readers are quite likely to get an adequacy, if not a superabundance, of the editors' ideas from a careful perusal of the editorials. The writer thinks it doubtful, however, if many are guilty of so heinous a crime.

We have explained our position and told you our need and your own, now we wish to make a suggestion. Arrangements were made at the beginning of the year so that any part written for the Student, on any subject and in any form that would be suitable to publish, would be received and ranked as required essays. Let us sit down and think, think, cogitate, ponder, and think, and then write down what we think and have an essay, not a roll of words, twisted, stretched, and distorted to fit the required number. Let no cowardly fear that manuscript will be rejected or conscientious effort ridiculed, deter any one from laborious, continued exertion to do his very best. The prize sought and won for itself alone is a deadly curse to the winner. Honest labor and strenuous exertion obtain their true reward only in the consciousness of growth and advancement and in a proud increase of power.
GLADSTONE.

By O. C. Boothby, '96.

A

n imposing figure has just withdrawn from the stage of British politics. A personality which combines within its matchless compass the ideals of orator, scholar, theologian, and statesman, and which has left its impress upon every page of English history during the last half century, passes in review before the civilized world as the "grand old man," lays down his armor, and bequeathes to his successors the task of guiding an empire in the service of which his masterly mind has exercised its mighty powers so long. Like an all-pervading light, dispelling the terrors which lurk in the darkness, his genius has pointed out the path along which have marched to conflict, and we trust to ultimate victory, all the forces of reform.

Yet Mr. Gladstone has been no idle spectator of the fierce struggle and change of parties which, in the steady development of his advanced opinions, have made untenable the affiliations to which his early training so closely connected him. Reared in an atmosphere saturated with Toryism, he reflects in all of his early writings and speeches the opinions which he has imbibed from family, church, and university. He worships Canning, belittles Hampden, and writes satirical poems in ridicule of Whig principles. At Oxford he learns of the grievous wrongs to which the house of Stuart was subjected and accepts, without question, the hypothesis that the rule of the people is a subservition of all government.

Should it then be a matter of wonder that the leader of English statesmen takes his seat in the House of Commons with avowed Tory sentiments? Is there reason for charging him with inconstancy because he appears, in later life, a champion of those very principles which, in his earlier years, he regarded as false and dangerous to the state? Far too often the truth is veiled from our sight by the prejudices which we cherish as if our own unnatural creations were as dear as fortune, reputation, or even life itself. Fidelity to principle is manly, but he alone is wise who, when convinced of error, has the courage to change his attitude. There are those who would find in Mr. Gladstone's official acts the low ideals of the politician and the deceitfulness of the demagogue; who would have us believe that, influenced merely by questions of policy and expediency, he has taken contradictory stands upon all the great problems concerning which he has been so powerful in shaping legislation. But there is another view. The steps which have marked his progress from Toryism to Liberalism have been, as he confesses, actuated "by the slow and resistless forces of conviction," so strong were the influences of early associations and so high the barriers which enclosed him within the limits of the bigoted and antiquated spirit of the university. In a noted reply to Lord Beaconsfield he admits the transition which has taken place, but declares that upon all occasions he has expressed his views honestly and fearlessly. It is the crowning glory of
Mr. Gladstone's career that by the slow evolution of opinions, he stands to-day as the foremost advocate of freedom, justice, and progress.

A contemplation of his greatness reveals not merely fame as a statesman, that phase of his activities for which he is best known and honored, but also the wonderful versatility of his nature and the extensive field of his accomplishments. Upon no man of the century will the world look with greater veneration for his breadth of culture and nobility of character. From questions of tariff and finance he turns to the quiet contemplation of the beauties of nature. When wearied by the engrossing cares of state-craft, he finds rest in the pages of Homer and Dante. His piety is of the deepest, but withal it goes hand in hand with a liberality which is broad enough to comprise all creeds and raises no barrier against those outside the pale of the established church. Nothing is too great and nothing too insignificant to escape the grasp of his wonderful capability. The perplexing questions of politics, the beauties of art and literature, meditations on the character of religion, love, hospitality, and the smallest details of the home-life, all find a place in that great mind and stir that noble heart.

His fame as a scholar rests not on any superficial foundation. The studious habits of youth, the intense love of all that is good, beautiful, and noble in literature, and the breadth and profundity of his researches have combined to make Mr. Gladstone the intellectual giant who delights the nations with his stirring speeches in Parliament and his elaborate treatises upon classical, political, and religious subjects. A deep religious sense and an overwhelming realization of responsibility pervades every act and gives to his demeanor an air of earnestness and determination which is an inspiration to his followers. Mr. Gladstone has been called the best theologian in England. It has been well said of him that if, at the commencement of his career, he had chosen to take orders, the life of the greatest Archbishop of Canterbury would yet remain to be written. His theological papers are models of intellectual force and sound logic.

The great English nation and the whole civilized world have been charmed by the natural flow of eloquence and wonderful command of language which have characterized his best public efforts. Whether addressing the electors at the university or presenting his budget before the Commons, his oratory is always clear, forceful, and persuasive. Possessed of a commanding presence and powerful voice, he seizes at once the attention of his hearers and holds it fixed to the end.

But to Mr. Gladstone's renown as a statesman is due that universal adoration in which he is held by all parts of the English-speaking world. Advancing to a place of influence with the earliest attainment of manhood, he has played his wonderful part in the House of Commons during a membership in that body comprising all of a long and useful life. Endowed by nature with an iron will, marvelous courage, and in- calculable mastery of detail, he has
proved himself the support and stay upon which the Liberal party has depended for the accomplishment of its proposed legislation. As a financier he is easily the leader of England’s public men. His futility of resource and the persuasiveness with which he advocates his measures insure them a favorable hearing and careful consideration. During his period of office as Chancellor of the Exchequer, his efforts have been directed with noteworthy success toward the removal of oppressive duties and the establishment of sound policies of finance and commerce. Four times prime minister, his salutary measures, though often carried against great opposition, have been prompted by an ever-present sense of their justice and necessity. It would be idle to say that Mr. Gladstone has never made mistakes, but his errors, like his most wonderful achievements, have been the results of conviction and high aims for the service of a great people.

Though a part of the work which he contemplated he leaves to other hands, the influence of his far-reaching career shall go down to the future moulding and directing the policy of his successors. Great in every walk of life he stands to-day without a peer as a shining example of the Christian statesman. The effect of his life upon the political, social, and religious fabric of the English nation, is manifest in reforms which shall stand for all time and leave to his memory, when the taunts and jeers of partisan hatred have passed away, the hallowed tribute of a grateful people and the admiration of posterity.

THE PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN “ELSIE VENNER.”

BY NELLY A. HOUGHTON, ’97.

In speaking of this work, Dr. Holmes says that it is what some good people call a medicated novel, and very properly refuse to read. In truth, although it is singularly fascinating, it is not a story to be read for mere amusement and pastime, for it calls forth a multitude of curious inquiries and vague speculations. Like Hawthorne’s “Marble Faun” it is a romance, an imaginative composition which does not confine its characters, situations, and events to the realm of probability and reality; and, like the “Marble Faun,” too, it presents in the person of its leading character, a being of mixed nature.

The problem discussed in this work is a double one. It is physiological and theological.

Considering first the physiological side, we are confronted with perplexing questions as soon as we are introduced to Elsie Venner. We wonder at the strange inhuman power of Elsie’s eyes over Helen Darby, at Elsie’s wilful midnight rambles over The Mountain, and at that quality in her nature which leads her fearlessly to frequent the terrible Rattlesnake Ledge with all its dark caverns and poisonous reptiles. Strangest of all is the scene that transpires near this very place, when one afternoon, Mr. Bernard Langdon, Elsie’s school-master, scales the side of The Mountain, determined to examine the dreadful ledge, to see what flowers grow there, and to look for a curio in the zoological line. When
he comes to the mouth of the cavern and looks in, his eyes are met by the glare of the diamond eyes of the dread crotalus. He is struck dumb and motionless as he gazes, but he cannot turn his eyes away. Soon he hears an awful sound, as the reptile shakes his rattle, preparatory for the fatal stroke. The man waits, paralyzed, but while he waits the terrible light seems to die out of the flaming eyes and they become dull. The man can move, and as he turns his eyes away from those of the reptile, he discovers Elsie standing by his side, looking straight into the eyes of the crotalus "which have shrunk and faded under the strong enchantment of her own."

This scene reveals the fact that there is a mystery about Elsie Venner; and it is the determination to solve this mystery which causes Bernard Langdon to seek answers to questions regarding the truth of the phenomena of animal magnetism, and the physiological foundation for stories about the "evil eye."

We involuntarily shrink from the story of Elsie's childhood, wild and unnatural, her lawless habits, unmanageable temper, strong antipathies, and the frightful account of her biting her playmate, and her attempt to rid herself of her governess by unlawful means.

As the narrative proceeds, one incident after another reveals Elsie's strange and terrible nature, and we are prone to ask with Helen Darby: "Who is she and what? by what demon is she haunted, by what taint is she blighted, by what curse is she followed, by what destiny is she marked, that her strange beauty has such a terror in it, that hardly one dare love her, that her eye glitters always but warms never?"

Our feeling for Elsie must change from one of horror to one of pity, as we see how her natural life seems poisoned by some mysterious influence which has worked through her childhood and youth for the destruction of all the true, gracious, and noble qualities of the soul, and has made her a savage, false, adventitious being.

The mystery is at length revealed, and we learn that Elsie Venner was poisoned by the venom of a crotalus before birth, which accounts for her strange nature, so like that of the dreadful reptile.

What can be sadder than Elsie's last illness and death! Yet this sadness is relieved by a sense of joy which we must experience when we see how, in her last days, the curse is removed. Elsie ceases to live a double life. The old passions are gone, and she is left noble and lovable, as she would have been before had it not been for her early sad misfortune.

Dr. Holmes does not claim that there is any physiological foundation for such a character as Elsie Venner, although he nevertheless believes that it would not be impossible for such a character to exist. The real aim of the story is, however, not to prove this, but to discuss the doctrine of "original sin," and the extent of human responsibility. It is the theological side of the double problem which this work expressly treats.
How far was Elsie responsible for her acts? Was Elsie's sin crime? These are the questions involved in this problem.

It is easy to believe that Elsie, poisoned by the venom of the crotalus before entering life, and assimilating to a marked degree the characteristics of this terrible reptile, was not morally responsible for her conduct, but if the sphere of the will be limited in such a case, may it not be that it is also limited in the case of a person who receives from some ancestor a moral poison?

Thus it is seen that the limitations of human responsibility is a question admitting of extensive discussion, and that no human mind can fix these limits.

We can do no better than agree with the kind old pastor who spoke the parting words over the lifeless body of Elsie Venner, when he said that it was not for us to judge by any standard of our own. He, alone, who made the heart knows the infirmities it inherited or acquired, and He alone can judge.

THE FALLACY OF SOCIALISM.

By R. F. SPRINGER.

SOME one has said, "Lying is one of the chief powers of Europe." What is less understood and lied more about than socialism and its advocates? We are told its ranks are made up of idlers, burglars, and selfish demagogues. How could anything be more unjust, false? Can we say such men as Sir Thomas Moore, Robert Owen, Robertus, Marx, St. Simion, and Lasselle, the most famous of all socialists, can we say these men were idlers, burglars, desirous of exchanging stations or fortunes with anybody? No, sir. They are men who have made great sacrifices for their belief, and there are hosts of others like them who have taken up the cause of the laborer from pity, from love, not from selfishness. Nor do they condemn our present industrial system without just reason. So great are its faults and so difficult are they to remedy, its firmest supporters admit and defend them only on the ground that they are necessary evils, e.g., because of the competition that now pervades almost every department of industry, the margin of profit is extremely small, so small that the employer who keeps wages about the competition level, risks his own position. Hence the incessant pressure on his workmen. Hence the tendency of the workman's position toward dependence, insecurity, poverty. Badly paid, poorly fed, miserably housed, is it any wonder the workman has become demoralized, that he has been brought finally to that humblest level of taste and feeling where intoxicating liquors fascinate and brutalize him so fearfully? Is it any wonder the home has become so mercenary, so nomadic? That because of the unsteadying, insanitary, and hopeless condition in which they live so many women are driven to the streets to spin yarns and weave webs that become their shrouds? Necessary evils, are they?

But what is socialism? The essence of socialism is practically this: The state shall control all production and distribution and the state, in turn, shall
be controlled by popular vote. Every member of the state shall perform labor in proportion to his strength and ability. The aged and invalids shall be supported from the public treasury. By this scheme, says the socialist, idleness will be entirely abolished, the aged and infirm will be cared for, and the condition of the laborer be much improved. Heaven grant that it might be possible. But does the possibility of such a scheme, the attempt to bring it about, take men as they are or presuppose them as they ought to be? Taking men as they actually are, how can such a régime fail to increase the burdens of that very portion of humanity whose condition it seeks to alleviate? It is far easier to condemn an existing structure than to substitute something better in its place; easier to tear down than to build up. We know the condition of the laboring man to-day; we can only surmise what it may be under the proposed régime.

To-day the workman dissatisfied with his position or his employer may go elsewhere. There are thousands of employers. To-morrow he will have before him but one employer, one producer, one capitalist, the state. How can he help accepting any position assigned him, however undesirable or obnoxious? Then, again, production and distribution to-day are carried on by thousands of capitalists, to-morrow all this will be done by the state. But the state must act through numerous functionaries. Will its offices be filled by the ablest, the best men? Will these office-holders show like conduct toward their opponents as toward their constituents? If their term of office be distinguished by favoritism, in the meantime what will become of the poorer classes of their opponents? This will improve the condition of the laboring man, will it? Idleness will be done away with, says the socialist. The “watchword” to all except the aged and invalids must be “work or die.” Think you that all the idlers, all the do-nothings will work, or will they call themselves invalids? Will one believe in the mere word of those who claim they are stricken with infirmities? In this case what a host of do-nothings living at the expense of others! Will one systematically refuse to believe the parties interested? Then what a number of innocent victims, what a number of sick and infirm to whom it will be said, “work or die of hunger.” The reason why socialism is impossible, impracticable, is plain enough, for in order that it may succeed every individual, whether he labors or controls labor, must be honest, unselfish, impartial, intelligent,—i.e., socialism to be practical demands perfection. But given perfection, if both the state and the individual become perfect, then what is the need of socialism?

Although impracticable, impossible, shall we say it lacks utility? No. It has aroused dissatisfaction with our present imperfect state of society; it has led us to question whether our competitive system furnishes the best form possible; it has urged us to a successful search for social phenomena previously little understood, and finally, while Christianity teaches us the brotherhood of man, socialism cautions us to practice it.
Then let us do for our fellow-men what our hands find and our conscience dictates us to do, and trust for the result to our Maker and our God.

IS THE IDEAL DESIRABLE IN FICTION?

BY NORA S. WRIGHT, '95.

THE distinction expressed by the terms Idealistic and Realistic as applied to fiction has always existed. We see it even in the works of the classic Greek writers, some of whom, as Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides represent the Ideal, while others, as Menander, Theocritus, and Longus represent the Real. But it is to the spirit of materialism, of scientific inquiry, so characteristic of our own age, that we owe the development of the Realistic novel of to-day. What, then, is this distinction? The Realist aims to reproduce life exactly as he sees it. The Idealist seeks to combine beauty with truth and to reveal humanity, not only as it is, but as it may become.

Let us look, for a moment, at the history of the Realistic fiction of to-day. Realism was beginning to be discussed in 1880. Its history is confined chiefly to France, Russia, and America, though it exists to some extent in all European countries. The men who have figured most prominently in this movement are Zola in France, Tolstoi in Russia, and Howells and James in America. So prominent were these writers that for a time it seemed as if Realism had triumphed and had sounded the knell of the old-time story and romance. Present indications, however, show us that Idealistic fiction is as popular as ever.

The popular novelists of the day, as Doyle, Weyman, Haggard, Crawford, and Kipling, are Idealists. New editions of Scott and new translations of Dumas are constantly appearing. These facts show us what the reading public prefer in fiction, and indeed what they have always preferred, even when they were reading the somewhat tiresome stories of Howells and James which, they were told, they ought to enjoy and would enjoy when they had outgrown the false ideas which they had imbibed in their reading of Idealistic fiction.

Since it is evident that the public prefer the Ideal in fiction let us see, if possible, why they find it more desirable. The Realist seeks an exact reproduction of life and claims that a careful and minute record of the humblest mind is as important as that of a Shakespeare. It is, of course, true that as no two individuals are exactly alike so every human being must be, in some degree, an interesting person, in that he possesses an individuality. Nevertheless out of the millions of people in the world some surely may be more appropriately depicted than others, and the novelist who makes a wise selection will present the most entertaining and helpful reading.

The Idealist, on the other hand, employs the imagination in his novels, and as this is the quality of mind which has produced the best in art and literature and by which the general truths of science and morals have become known, it must ever hold its well-deserved place in fiction. The scope of the Idealist is broader than that of the Realist, since he is permitted the use of verse if he
wishes to employ it, while the Realist is restricted in fiction to the novel and the drama, for he considers poetry as a pure work of the imagination. The Idealist employs literary art in fiction. He unfolds a plot and uses what are called "graces of style, feats of invention, and cunning of construction," while the Realist is prohibited such usage. He must be a disinterested spectator of life. He must analyze his characters but not moralize about them. But it is this very literary art which helps add to the interest of the Idealistic fiction. It has been aptly said: "Art is the interpreter of nature, not its traducer, and in fiction, as in all literature, he who sees wholes and not fragments is the master."

The Realist claims that the reading of romances in youth causes one to move in a world of unrealities and so unfit one for the duties of life. The Idealist replies that it is better to present to the plastic mind of youth such characters as may be admired and imitated by them with profit rather than those more Realistic stories which lack such characters.

It is evident that the Ideal is desirable in fiction, but it is when we have the Ideal and Real combined that we obtain the most perfect novel, for in our lives are these two qualities, and in any true representation of life both must have a place. It has been appropriately said: "The Real includes the Ideal; but the Real without the Ideal is as the body without life. Only the human can understand and interpret the human."

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**THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN.**

I know of a beautiful garden
Away in the land of the pure,
Which is watered by clear, living fountains,$\ldots$
LEGEND OF THE ARBUTUS.

An old man lived alone in woodland hut,
His hair and beard were hoary—
So runs the Indian story—
No food had he save beech and acorn nut.
The dry snow deeply drifting
Was through each crevice sifting,
His fire-wood no strength had he to cut.

Desperingly he cried to Manito,
"If you your servant cherish,
Send warmth or I shall perish."
The wind blew hard against the lodge, and lo!
In stepped a pretty maiden
With ferns and grasses laden,
Her moccasins were lilies white as snow.

The old man welcomed her with kindest tone,
And said, "My lodge is cheerless,
But here you may rest fearless,
I rule the storm and dwell here all alone;
I blow my breath, the river
Stands still, all creatures shiver,
The billows break upon the beach and moan."

The maid replied, "I breathe, and o'er the plain
The grass is freshly growing,
The flowers freely blowing;
I shake my curls and warmly falls the rain,
The birds renew their singing,
Each copse with song is ringing,
All nature echoes back the glad refrain."

Her breath soon set the ice-bound region free,
Her hand his forehead pressing
She changed him with caressing
Into a bunch of leaves beneath the tree.
Much gentleness revealing,
Her bosom flower stealing,
She hid it 'neath the leaves on bended knee.

She said, "The smile of Manito be thine,
My virtue I will give you,
My sweetest breath be with you,
And where I tread will grow your trailing vine;
Who plucks this dainty flower
Acknowledges my power
In bending low within my woodland shrine."

Each spring in woods concealed from glaring light,
When snows our vales are leaving,
When buds their scales are cleaving,
Arbutus blooms in shades of pink and white,
A nectar sweet distilling,
The air of woodland filling
With fragrance of creation's morning bright.
—W. S. C. R., '95.

THE SONG OF THE HERMIT THRUSH.

A summer twilight-song,
A song for the dying day,—
A dirge so sad, so strangely sweet
That it charmed my heart away!

O, bird of the deepest woods,
O, bird of the twilight time,
Thy song brings peace to my weary soul,
Like the sound of a vesper chime.

A traveling scholarship of $2,000 has been founded at Columbia with the condition attached that the winner shall spend two years abroad, and ten months of this time in the American School of Architecture at Rome. Six months are to be actually spent in Rome itself, and the other four devoted to travel and study in Italy and Greece.

In a recent discussion as to the relative merits of the patriotism of Harvard and Yale in the Civil War, the following figures have been brought to light. Harvard sent 965 graduates and 265 under-graduates to the war; Yale sent 600 graduates and 229 under-graduates.

A full-blooded Winnebago Indian girl from Nebraska is one of the brightest scholars at Smith College.—The Wabash.

The oldest established newspaper in the world is published at Pekin, China. It has been in existence for 1,000 years, and during that time 19,000 of its editors have been beheaded.—Reveille.
"I Cannot Tell a Lie."

We have been reading the life of the immortal G. W. lately, and we have learned the following facts about him which may be interesting to those addicted to hero worship:

1. He wasn’t in the habit of lying. (We have hinted at this before.)
2. He never swore and never countenanced profanity in any way.
3. He was never irreverent nor unmindful of the religious feelings of others.
4. He was never known to contradict others on a subject concerning which they knew vastly more than he did.
5. He never debauched the minds and hearts of others. He never sold himself for gain. It was B. Arnold who did that.
6. He never went around the country lecturing on a subject he was singularly unfitted to know anything about, substituting assumption for argument, quibbles for logic, despair for hope, darkness for light.
7. He did what he could to help mankind. He was one of God’s gentlemen.

Yes, he thought he had the mumps and he thought also that he had every reason for thinking so. Why, he woke up one morning with such a lame neck that he could hardly wear a collar; he couldn’t wag his jaw; he couldn’t remember his lessons he had plugged out the evening before; he could not even whistle the "Liberty Bell." Surely something was wrong. At breakfast he could not masticate his cup of hot coffee, to say nothing of a graham roll. Vinegar tasted sour to him. What need of other symptoms? He immediately decided to change his residence to a place better suited for him during his impending sickness. He must have loving hands to tend him and pleasing company to help him while the dreary time away. The change is accomplished, and now he waits impatiently, almost, for the dire disease. But he waits in vain. Perverse fates have
decreed differently, and he picks up his bed and walks gloomily back to Parker Hall, doomed to be mumpless—a conclusive proof of the power of mind over matter.

What ye Violette Sawe.

Once upon a tyme a dayntyte flowre grewe yune a greene fielde; and ye name of that flowre was ye violette flowre; and all ye longge daye it hunge its modeste heade and hearde ye warme zephyres blowe, and ye lyttle flowre was lonesome.

Now, forsooth, it chanced that as ye warme daye was drawinge to a close, a goodlye youthe and a guyleless mayde, who called themselves sophomores, resolved withynne their myndes that they woulde go botanizing, which, peradventure, means wander-ythe through ye greene fieldes yyne searche of ye wylde flowres. And manye a faire flowre was passed unnoticed, for ye dayntyte mayde was a fairer flowre; and they talked of divers thynges, but chiefly of lovve. Moreover, yyne ye due course of tyme they approached ye sweete violette flowre, and it hunge its heade stytle lowre.

"Prythee, my deare, shall we analyzze this faire violette?" asked ye goodlye youthe.

"Yes, forsoothe," replyde ye sweete mayden, and so they pluckked ye lyttle violette. Now, as they examynned ye lyttle flowre, they must needs drawe their heades verye close together. And ye modest lyttle violette hunge its head stytle lowre and beganne to feele syckke. But ye heads of ye youthe and mayden drewe stytle nearer together, and thenne—

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At last whenne ye goodlye youthe pyckked up ye lyttle violette from ye grounde where it hadde fallen, ye poore lyttle violette hadde wylted.

The worthy gentleman who has charge of this department will give us no peace, except a piece of his mind, until we give him a piece. So we think it proper to state at once to him and the public the reasons of our inability to contribute.

We are one of the sort of people who look not only on the sunny side of things, but on the funny side. But to tell the truth, as we are bound to do, we never succeed alarmingly in making others see anything funny in what we say or do. As a last resort, after trying Bar Harbor and Poland Spring, we substituted being punny for that other unattainable quality. It is often said that one who does this should be punished, but never saw the reason till it occurred to us how appropriate it would be for one who had always tried to be cute to be electrocuted at last. Or they might, as Apollo did the Satyr, deprive him of his cuticle. By the way, we have been through that experience ourselves. When we play marbles or match coppers we invariably get skun dry. Again, did you ever notice how often an audience "hangs on the words" of an orator! Why not suspend a punster with his own verbiage?

Well, the dinner-bell is ringing. Brevity is the soul of wit, and bread the staff of life, so that opportune
sound serves two useful ends. One is the end of this article. We will proceed to fill the "aching void" just below the diaphragm, and in so doing forget the other in the cranial cavity. We have no fears that we need to write more to have gladly conceded our right never to write again.

Clear and balmy was the morning
When a throng of merry Sophies,
Bent upon a day of pleasure,
Blithely hoarded the electrics
For a trip into the country
Where the huckleberry twineth
And the grass is upward springing;
Where, between the hills, Lake Auburn
Glitters in the golden sunlight.
Where, among the leafy, tree tops,
Hop the red-start and the sparrow,
Not to speak of other songsters,
Crow or robin, jay or screech-owl.
Yes, upon the day in question,
Laden with their dinner baskets
And a stock of ripe bananas
For botanical dissection,
Also fishing-rods and shot-guns,
Happily the throng departed.

Love scenes many have transpired
Since the founding of our college,
But they were of short duration,
Vetoed by the "conscription fathers."
Heed then the advice of others,
Wiser grown by long experience:
"Stolen fruit is always sweetest."
But don't gather it too early
While 'tis yet but in its verdure,
Lest your dear old home may greet you
Ere your course here is completed.

Alumni Department.
[The alumni are respectfully requested to send to these columns Communications, Personals, and everything of interest concerning the college and its graduates.]

PERSONALS.

'71.—Hon. J. M. Libby, of Mechanic Falls, was in Auburn on legal business during the April term of court.

'72.—At a special meeting of the New England Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools, E. J. Goodwin, Principal of the High School, Newton, Mass., took an important part in the discussion for which the meeting had been called.

'73.—President James H. Baker, of Colorado University, has an article,

'75.—Hon. A. M. Spear, of Gardiner, will deliver the Memorial Day address before Berry Post, G. A. R., of Lisbon.

'76.—At the last meeting of the American Philological Association E. C. Adams, principal of the High School, Newburyport, Mass., was elected a member.

'77.—Miss Jennie R. North, of Bristol, Conn., was married Tuesday, May 1st, to Mr. E. Y. Turner, of Auburn.

'81.—Rev. B. S. Ridout lectured on "Reading and Literature" at the Norway Academy, Monday evening, April 29th, for the benefit of the Senior Class.

'81.—At the East Maine M. E. Conference, held at Bucksport, Rev. H. E. Foss, of Bangor, delivered the Anniversary Address before the Epworth League, Sunday, May 12th.

'83.—At the M. E. Conference, held at Saco, Rev. G. W. Barber was reappointed to the church at Goodwin's Mills, Me.

'86.—Rev. H. C. Lowden will deliver the Memorial Day oration at North Berwick.

'88.—C. C. Smith, Esq., has lately taken up his residence in a new home at Everett, Mass.

'91.—W. B. Watson, who has done excellent newspaper work in Rockland as city editor of the Daily Star, has resigned his position to accept employment on the staff of the Manchester Mirror. Mr. Watson is an active young man with thoroughly newspaper instincts, and his friends are pleased to note his removal to a larger field.

—Lewiston Journal.

'91.—W. B. Cutts is to remain another year at the Haverford College Grammar School, Haverford, Pa. His efficient work is appreciated and commands a salary of $1,800 a year.

'92.—H. E. Walter has been appointed an instructor of Ichthyology in the Marine Biological Laboratory, Wood's Holl, Mass., for next summer term.

'92.—Scott Wilson, Esq., has been admitted to the Cumberland bar.

'92.—J. R. Little, of Lewiston, has entered into partnership in the insurance business with his father, Hon. H. C. Little.

'92.—A. F. Gilmore, principal of the High School, at Kennebunk, Me., has been granted leave of absence for one term on account of ill health.

'92.—Miss A. V. Stevens has been obliged to resign her position at Meriden, Conn., on account of illness.

'93.—John Sturgis has returned from a short visit at his home in Auburn to his studies at the Bellevue Hospital, New York City.

'93.—R. A. Sturges, principal of the High School, East Bridgewater, Mass., took one of the leading roles, "Ned Austin," in a comedietta, "Per Telephone," at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, May 7th. Mr. Sturges has been offered the position of teacher of mathematics in the Haverford College Grammar School, Haverford, Pa., at a salary of $1,500 a year.

'93.—Prof. N. C. Bruce is having excellent success in his work in the els-
tical department of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.

'93.—The annual drill and exhibition by the young ladies of the Nashua High School took place in the High School hall, Friday evening, before a very large audience, and was one of the most successful ever given in this city. The exhibition was given to raise money to defray the expenses of the graduating class, and very heartily were the young ladies supported. The hall was crowded full of admiring friends and relatives, and the work of the young ladies received hearty approval. To Miss Mary Josephine Hodgdon belongs great credit for the excellence of the affair. Miss Hodgdon has faithfully and efficiently instructed the pupils in physical exercises during the past school year, and at no time has the Nashua High School had a better instructor. Her work was shown to be very fine by the exhibition and she was most warmly congratulated by members of the board of education and prominent citizens after the entertainment closed.

—Nashua (N. H.) Telegraph.

The General Catalogue of Bates College has just been published. The graduates of the Academical Department may be classified as follows:

80 ministers—36 Free Baptists, 26 Congregationalists, 6 Baptists, 4 Methodists, 3 Unitarians, 2 Episcopalians, 2 Universalists, 1 Christian Baptist; 8 missionaries; 194 teachers—1 president of a university, 1 president of a college, 15 professors of colleges and universities, 19 superintendents of schools; 85 lawyers; 57 physicians and surgeons; 22 editors, publishers, authors and journalists; 39 business men; 8 chemists and pharmacists; 3 dentists; 2 civil engineers; 2 librarians; 2 signal service employees; 1 architect; 1 inventor and manufacturer. Six died before engaging in any business. Of the 73 alumnae 31 have married.

College News and Interests.

LOCALS.

A few of the students attended the lecture by Colonel Ingersoll on "All About the Holy Bible." The audience was not large.

The good old custom of hanging May-baskets has been revived, we hear, to quite an extent this year.

The local editors wish to express their thanks to the members of '97 who kindly reported the gathering of that class.

Sophomore bird-hunting excursions are numerous just now. Lake Grove and Sabattus Mountain are among the places visited.

Arbor Day was a holiday. It was very hot and the *arbores* did not *leave it unobserved*, for you could easily see their foliage grow.

The Class of '91, through Miles Greenwood, has presented to the library Marion Crawford's works and several other volumes of fiction.
Our Field Day will be held about May 27th and the Intercollegiate probably June 8th. A fairly large number are in training for the different events.

Several of the Seniors and Juniors in the English Literature class take extra work under the Seminary method. They are studying the American poets.

The Spinet and Clef Clubs, musical societies of the young ladies of Lewiston and Auburn, recently held receptions at which a number of the students were invited guests.

Wingate, '95, has been elected president of the Athletic Association for the remainder of the year, in place of Bolster, '95, who resigned in order to become manager of the track team.

Some of the Juniors recently saw a deer running wild in the woods within an hour's drive of Lewiston. Who says we have not rural and metropolitan advantages in rare combination at Bates?

The two new offices created by the new constitution of the Athletic Association were filled by the election of Bolster, '95, as manager of the track team, and Pettigrew, '98, as tennis manager.

Tennis players were never more abundant. Twice as many courts would easily be filled every pleasant afternoon. The young lady devotees of the game include many fine players. The candidates for intercollegiate honors are getting well in practice.

The base-ball game between the Lewiston and Auburn High Schools on the campus was the occasion of several "free fights" in which everybody seemed expected to do his share. It was a case of the necessity of fighting for peace. It would be well to allow the uncivilized to give vent to their overplus of combative energy somewhere besides the college campus.

There has been no quarrel in the editorial body, as might be supposed from the appearance of one scribe looking like a defeated pugilist on account of a contusion of the integument about the ocular orbit, another possessed of as much cheek as a baboon with a coconut in his mouth, and a third with an abrasion of the cuticle which covers the proboscis and the anterior part of the cranium. A boxing lesson, an ulcerated molar, and a slide to third were responsible for these symptoms.

An extremely interesting lecture was given in the Main Street Church, May 2d, by Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer of Massachusetts, which was enjoyed by many of the students. While not so impressive as many speakers in the mere manner of delivery, yet the lack was not noticed after she had spoken a few moments. Mrs. Palmer has a message for the people. She feels it, and one listening soon feels it as well. Her advice to would-be reformers was: "Be humble; be candid; be hopeful." Her lecture was one to be long remembered.

A reception was given the Senior and Junior Classes Tuesday evening, May 7th, at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Hartshorn on College Street. Prof. and Mrs. Millis assisted in the receiving. The scientists of the party enjoyed looking over the rare collection of minerals,
while those who could not simulate an interest in these examined the many views or engaged in social converse. Recitations, songs, and refreshments were enjoyed, and at a late hour the guests bid their kind entertainers good-night.

Hathorn Hall looked on in wonder, the other evening, to see the Sophomores gathering upon the campus. Hurried whispering and quick orders told of some deeply-laid plot. Soon the conspirators formed into a solid column and marched to College Street. There they were joined by two stalwart youths who bore upon their shoulders a bunch of bananas so large that it suggested the same task performed by Caleb and Joshua. The procession then passed down College Street, across Frye, down Main until it halted before Prof. Stanton’s home. The fruit was hung on the veranda, and, as the door-bell pealed, that quiet throng broke forth into vociferous cheering. ‘Ninety-seven yell was given again and again. Prof. Stanton, being ill, could not respond, so, after a few songs, the company withdrew to David’s Mountain, and—

Sleepy Lewiston woke to hear
The Sophomores singing loud and clear.
What were they doing? Hanging a
May-basket, that is all.

There was a delightful sequel to the above incident. Prof. Stanton, finding he could not possibly attend to so much fruit, invited the class to go with him for an outing at East Auburn grove. The invitation was joyfully accepted, and the twin cities knew of their glee because of the beautifully decorated car and fine singing. Some of the bravest went with the tireless professor to the fish hatchery two miles away, seeing many birds and drinking much milk at a hospitable farm-house. Supper (with bananas) was eaten in the grove, and, after enjoying a few marches in the pavilion, the happy company took the car for home, arriving about 9.30 P.M. Accompanying Prof. Stanton to his home, they gathered around him and sang some favorite hymns, closing with “God be with you till we meet again.” The good-nights were said (within the next hour) and the class felt that a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent.

BASE-BALL.

The base-ball season has thus far been attended by the usual vicissitudes of fortune. The team has not, at the time of writing, met any of the Maine college teams. Our expectations as to the result of these encounters are still sanguine.

Bates, 8; Portland, 3.

The opening game was played April 22d, at Portland, with the New England League team of that city. The boys played a splendid game, both in the field and at the bat. The playing of Wakefield and Douglass, and Burrill’s pitching were features, and Douglass, Pulsifer, Burrill, and Wakefield each made two hits. The score:

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** Lewiston, 10; Bates, 2. **

The Fast-Day game was exciting up to the last inning, when the Lewistons batted out eight runs. Penley and Douglass showed up well in the field, and Campbell and Bennett made good catches. The detailed score:

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**Bates, 14; Murphy Balsams, 5. **

Our team had an easy victory over the Murphy Balsams, April 27th. The game was characterized by almost perfect fielding and heavy batting by the Bates, and very loose playing on the part of their opponents. Slattery's pitching was, with the exception of a slight wildness, all that could be desired. He struck out seven men. Douglass, Pulsifer, Wakefield, and Gerrish hit hard and often. The score follows:

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Exeter, 4; Bates, 3.

The game at Exeter was close and lively. Unfamiliarity with the grounds seemed to bother our team in the first inning, and a wild throw is principally responsible for the loss of the game. Neither side scored after the second inning. Pulsifer’s very difficult catch of a foul fly was the most brilliant play. The score:

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Innings, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9


The trip recently taken by the team was rather unfortunate, they losing all of the four games played. However, these games were not altogether discreditable, and gave good practice for the games to be played in our own state. The boys batted hard in every game, but either their opponents batted harder or Hard Luck hoodooed our stars. Douglass, ’96, was unable to accompany the team, and his place at second was taken by Nathan Pulsifer, N. L. S., ’95.

**Phillips Andover, 12; Bates, 9.**

In the game with Andover, May 8th, the Andover team made their hits more timely. The score seems to indicate that our boys were not outplayed.

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Dartmouth, 21; Bates, 10.

The Dartmouths batted very hard and the Bates were not in the game at any time.

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### Runs

- Bates: 2 (Perkins, s., 2, Adams, Davis, Watson, Lane, 1, Patey, 2, Wakefield, 3, Penley, T. Pulsifer, 2, Slattery, Bennett, N. Pulsifer).

The next day the University of Vermont men were again victorious. They won the game by slugging the ball in the first two innings. Berryman then went into the box and kept the hits well scattered. Both teams batted hard, but Bates' fielding was loose. Rain stopped the game at the end of the seventh.

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Umpire—Mitchell.

LOVE and the Beauties of Spring-time seem to be the two themes that more than all else arouse the Muse of the college poets at this season. In this awakening time of the year, when all nature is rubbing its eyes and preparing to arise from its winter sleep, then everything seems bright to the hopeful mind of youth. One pours forth the thoughts of his soul in a sonnet to some "fair maid with laughing eyes," while another sings of the opening bud and the glories of the forest. Here is a little poem by Bliss Carman, from the Harvard Monthly:

A LYRIC.
The day is lost without thee,
The night has not a star.
Thy going is as an empty room
Whose door is left ajar.
Depart,—it is the footfall
Of twilight on the hills.
Return,—and every rood of ground
Breaks into daffodils.
Thy coming is companioned
With presences of bliss:
The rivers and the little leaves
All know how good it is.

And here is a bit of verse from the Western Reserve Magazine:

RONDEAU.
She played with me in days of yore—
Ah, happy hours; along the shore
We built air-castles out of sand.

Through later years at billiards and
At games of tennis, when the score
Was always love, we played. Still more
At cards her favor too I wore,
For hearts were trumps in every hand
She played with me.

To-night her note I ponder o'er;
She writes, "My letters please restore—
In June, dear Ted,' she adds off-hand,
"I marry Jack." I understand
At last how well, as heretofore
She played with me.

And thus the play goes on. Another one in the same magazine is in a little different tone:

PIANISSIMOS.

Mem'ry looking back a little, half a century or so,
Sees the faces of a family all of whom he used to know—
Just a modest, simple household, yet harmo-
niously blent
Like the tones, both big and little, of some clear, sweet instrument.
As this slender tune proceeded gaining strength
at every bar,
Time's unerring ear for music, harshly grated
on afar,
As it bent anon to listen, favoring a gentler
tune,
Snapped a string and then another till this air became a croom.
Then a bit relenting, added other strings with
great success,
And again the music swollen reached a piean
of happiness.
So when pure sweet lives o'ertaken yield to
life's allotted doom,
And a hush of sorrow fills us with a sympa-
thetic gloom,
'Tis but Time's, the great Musician's, dulcet
pianissimos,
As, like depths of lofty billows, at his bidding
music flows.
And so, humming o'er life's medley, ling'ring
on the soft parts dear,
Mem'ry, with a touch of sadness, thinks of
those who are not here. —H. DeW. F.
In the Vanderbilt Observer we find the following:

TO A RED BIRD.
O crested cardinal in crimson coat,
That sing'st flute-like on swaying limb,
For me may'st ever burst thy trembling throat
In wildly pure and soft, melodious hymn.
The hum is sweet of honey-seeking bees
That labor round the odorous cherry bloom;
I love to hear the winds pipe through the trees
So newly burst from out their wintry tomb.

But sweeter, clearer far than these dost thou,
O scarlet songster, breathe thy inmost soul
High on the green and darksome cedar's bough,
Warbling ever thy fairy trill and roll.

Sing on, sweet bird, in ever joyous praise.
To heaven's bluest height thy Easter note
Doth rise, doth mingle with immortal lays,
O crested cardinal, in crimson coat.

Easter Morning, 1895.
—T. H. B.

Among the interesting prose matter before us is, “A Twentieth Century Romance,” in the Dartmouth Lit. for March, which is amusing from its very absurdity. “A Dartmouth Song,” in the April Lit., and an M. S. C. college song in the Cadet awake a regret that we haven’t more Bates songs.

In the Hillsdale Collegian, a prize oration, “Solitude the Nursery of Power,” deserves mention. It contains many truths. Another article which impressed us deeply is a communication in the University Cynic on the great value of daily chapel exercises in college.

As the college papers have been running over with verse for the last month we will close by giving another sample. It is from the Tuftonian:

THE LIGHT DIVINE.
When joy and mirth have fled the soul’s abode
To seek in other realms some heart to glad,
And melancholy with its train so sad
Enters the void to chant its mournful ode,
The resplendent sun resolves into a gloom
And mid-day rays of light no hope reveal.
In vain we search the glowing orb, to steal
A guiding torch from out the gruesome tomb.
Yet to the worst despair God’s Light shall go
And banish far dread melancholy’s train,
Bidding return to dwell in peaceful bliss
Fair hope and joy and love’s unceasing flow.
Ah, never is His Light looked for in vain,
Howe’er so far we may have strayed amiss.

—R. K. M.

Reviews of New Books.

Be sure that you go to the author to find out his meaning, not to find yours. Judge it afterwards, if you think yourself qualified to do so; but ascertain it first.
—RUSKIN.

THE life of John Ruskin, by W. G. Collingwood, M.A., recently published, can hardly fail to be ranked as one of the epoch-making books in the life of the reader. Ruskin always fascinates. The earnestness and enthusiasm of the man, his devotion to ideals and the practical way in which he goes to work to attain them, insensibly draw the youth after him. From his earliest childhood, made full and rich by a mother and father who knew how to devote themselves wholly to him, without in the least diminishing the native vigor of his character, we see him happy only in work, and in really productive work.

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work. The author mentions particularly those early formative days, which have so much influence on a man's future character and career.

His later studies at Oxford, his earliest published writings, his first systematic art study, his pathetic little love story all belong to this early formative period, before 1842. His love for the mountains, for the grand in nature, early manifested itself, as well as his carefulness in reproduction. "From the first, John Ruskin cared more to carry away a true record of his subject than to produce a pleasing picture."

The second period, as art critic, is marked by his enthusiasm for Turner, his study of Christian art, the writing of "Modern Painters," "The Seven Lamps," and "Stones of Venice." During this period, also, his teaching in the working-men's college and his interest in benefiting the condition of working-men began.

In 1860 began the third period, his close study of economic questions, his protest against existing customs and beliefs, and the writing of his "Political Economy." His best-known works during this time are "Sesame and Lilies," "Ethics of the Dust," and "Crown of Wild Olives." He also devoted much time to geology. Indeed, through his whole life, all subjects of nature, art, or morals were alike interesting to him.

The latest period into which the author divides this remarkable life begins in 1870 with his first lectures as Slade Professor at Oxford and includes all his late work: the writing of "Fors Clavigera," the formation of St. George Guild, and much socialistic as well as literary work.

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To accompany this biography we need seek no better work than Mrs. Louis G. Hufford's "Selections from Ruskin." In an introduction of twenty pages she has condensed the necessary facts of Ruskin's life, with much information as to his ideals and efforts at reform. Notwithstanding the necessary condensation, she has written in a very easy style and her essay is full of charm.

The selections show Ruskin as a teacher and social reformer, rather than an artist, and are from his later works—"Sesame and Lilies," "Unto the Last" (his political economy), six letters from "Fors Clavigera," and "Athera, Queen of the Air." Each selection has an introduction, putting it in its proper light, and rendering it impossible to miss its meaning.

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