

done; but I can't do them. I wasn't properly endowed, or I hadn't, and couldn't have got, the training for it. Meantime I do what my hand finds to do and try not to fret. For example, I have just effected the organization of a Library Association in this little manufacturing town—which very likely will prove to be the most valuable piece of work I have ever done, or shall ever do. Maybe one ought to say—for who knows tendencies and subtleties of outcome—the least harmful piece of work. Anyway, the thing is not to spoil too much time and brains trying to be sure of the absolutely best work—but to use all reasonable effort to see, and then—even if in vexatious doubt—to strike into the most probably sensible course, and work like a locomotive. One can at least fix his course for a year ahead, and agree with his conscience to let him alone to work at that for the year. And so year by year, if no other way is possible to one's temperament, one can get through a fine stem of work in a lifetime."

ABOUT BEING KNOWN.

Here is another good idea for a man starting out in life or for a man who is out. It is in the end of a letter to an intimate—

"As to your thought that I have scattered, and ought to make myself 'favorably known.' My dear fellow, I like your caring for me enough to say this and wish this, but—if you knew about my life of late years and my ideas of life you would see. I am not and haven't been trying to make myself favorably known. The devil take any one that is trying for it. I have been working to educate, in some high sense, successive classes of young people; and meanwhile to know more about education, and especially literature as a means of it, and about education in its relation to society and life. I am contented to die unknown, if I can arrive at the truth about certain great matters and can put others in the way thereof. If there is anything which utterly disgusts me and makes me howl aloud and swear, it is these infernal fools who are fighting to get their names abroad, and care for no other work. That a man like Spencer should be well known is a matter of course and all right; but he has not cared for that. Let a man work his work in peace, and the devil take his name—the less likely to get anything more of him than that."

But enough of quoting. One won't stop reading the letters who starts on them. Here is something pretty good about the study of literature:

"The more you think of it the more you will come to see that the moment you drive the study of literature away from the virile thought of modern men and women, you drive it into the puerilities of word-study, and mousing about 'end-stopt lines' and all that."

As to the prose itself, some older readers will recognize much of it. There are such titles as these: "Principles of Criticism," "Our Tame Humming-birds," "Should a College Educate?" (a mighty good thing to read just now when curricula are being torn up) "A Rhapsody of Clouds," "The Bread-and-Butter Moments of the Mind," "Right and 'Ought,'" and so on and so on and so on. Those who knew Sill will read much of it, even for the second time. Those who do not, will be a bit finer in their thought and feeling, after they have read it, and will have much pleasure too.

Lit. Poetry.

The poetry of the *Lit.* is not of a high order. There is in "The Land of Passing Day" a somewhat remarkable picture of perhaps questionable propriety,

which, we think, rather mars the piece, "And lo, as the last faint flushes wane, The bull-frog sobs his sad refrain, To greet the silver moon."

For centuries, in verse, the nightingale has been made to greet the moon, and perhaps it is time to provide a substitute for her, but we hardly think the bull-frog is the proper person.

E. B. R. in *Yale News*.

College Stories Rich in Promise.

*Smith College Stories.* By Josephine Dodge Daskam.

College is a deliciously intricate jumble of a world. No one person can see all sides of it. Sympathies will unconsciously lean toward one or the other hemispheres. If a dozen different books were written by as many different contemporaries, their combined productions might reflect a fairly accurate whole of Smith or Wellesley or Vassar, or that alma mater which exists in the mind of the respective graduates as a body. It has been a kind of fad to emphasize the trivial side of college life. One would think, after reading the usual college story, that college was either an ideal, romantic four-years' sojourn or a place of three-parts fun, largely nonsense, a grain or so of pain and "quantity sufficient" of work. Hence college stories, barring exceptions, have lacked the seriousness, the natural truth, the simple beauty upon which all substantial literary work must abide.

And there is a seriousness to college. I do not mean long-facedness. Amid all the diversions and buoyancy and sunshine there is a deep underlying tone of pathos. Here one takes the first

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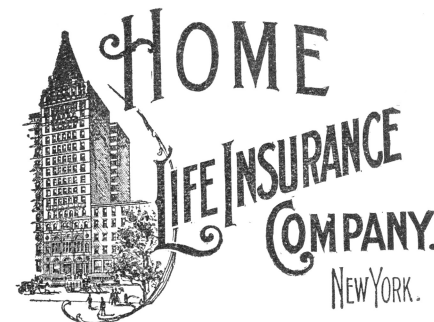
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