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C. H. R. Moralizes Upon Human Nature and Makes Valuable Suggestions for Character-Study.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so he is." Man is the highest created being (only a little lower than the angels) in God's universe. He has within his own breast the native power by which he can fix his own destiny (and very often to a certain extent that of his fellowman) in this life and in the world which is to come, by the expression of his thoughts. Man owes everything he is or acquires to his power of thought, whether it be good or evil. Thought can make our lives divinely beautiful, harmonious and pleasant, or it can make discordant conditions and surroundings. Man is largely the creature of circumstances and a victim of doubt, which are derogatory to his success at many times in his life. He must have absolute faith in himself as to his ability to accomplish the desired purpose, yet there is danger of his thinking of himself more highly than he ought. All the great achievements and reforms brought about in this world have been the productions of sober-minded men. "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link," neither is a man's character any stronger than the thoughts of his heart towards himself and his fellowman. Human nature is a fascinating and a complex study. Physiology teaches us that man is a composite being, and can, therefore, render himself wonderfully deceptive to his surroundings. You will observe by a careful study of biographical history and of the people with whom you are brought in contact in every-day life, that a large percentage of those who have been brought up under the most favorable circumstances in an educational way, very often lead profligate lives when they come into manhood, and those who have had comparatively no training are leaders in society, and are filling honorable positions in life. You cannot always tell the character of a man by his conversation, for the secret medi ations of his heart are only revealed in his actions in the discharge of the duties of life. There are men to-day filling official positions who were selected by the people as the most capable ones for the several offices, whose actions since are contrary to the lines upon which they sought the same. Study the people with whom you come in contact, cultivate the habit of clear observation, of looking below the surface of things; if it is done in the proper spirit (as you would wish to be done by) it will help to broaden your mind, will put you in touch with humanity and will make you more kind, more sympathetic and more charitable, consequently, a better and a nobler citizen.

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Wm. E. Flahart died at the residence of Mrs. Emily Hamilton, thursday afternoon, Feb. 14th, of heart disease, aged 72 years, 7 months and 3 days. Interment on Sunday in Tabernacle cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. T. Crouch. The pall-bearers were—Hugh A. Boyle, Benj. F. Pennington, Joseph Macomber, John J. Norris, Robt. A Orr and Robert J, Singleton. Stockton Holden, undertaker. C. R. H.

LITERARY NOTES.

Scribner's Fine Literary Menu For March.

Almost every part of the globe is represent in *Scribner's Magazine* for March, and in every case by some well-known writer who has actually visited the country which he describes. Four of the contributors are distinguished correspondents who have had many romantic experiences. Their articles in this number have to do with the changing conditions brought about by recent upheavals.

Richard Harding Davis leads the number with an account of a journey "Along the East Coast of Africa," stopping at those strange, half barbaric and half-civilized ports that mark the fringe of progress in Africa. From Lorengo Marquez to Tanga, Mr. Davis found it one of the most entertaining journeys that he has ever taken, each town representing a new phaze in the great international problem of the conquest of Africa. The article is full of delightful character sketches of the restless men who are taking part in the beginnings of Empires and States.

Thomas F. Millard, whose previous articles on the Armies in China and The Campaign of Revenge have attracted so much attention, contributes to this number a concluding article on "The Settlement in China." In the clear-headed and forcible manner which distinguishes all his work Mr. Millard points out the play of selfish interests which has dominated the situation in China. The whole attitude of Germany is exposed with its accompanying brutality. A word of warning is given in regard to the false claims which are being concocted, and which complicate the settlement. In conclusion, he points out that America has by her conservatism won the regard of the leaders among the Chinese, and that a perseverance in our present attitude will result in greatly furthering our own interests as well as the interests of China.

PATRIOTISM.

Mrs. Hill's Splendid Tribute to An American Characteristic.

A single word, yet fraught with deep meaning. Volumes have been written in the past, and will be written in the future about heroic deeds wrought through the influence of this principle, almost divine.

Looking forward—a few days hence—throughout the length and breadth of our broad land—eloquent lips will utter loving praise of him whose birthday will be celebrated, because, in his life he so truly exemplified devotion to his country.

Our hearts thrill with gratitude that a kind Providence gave to us such a truly great man, unparalleled in history, as our own George Washington, whom we honor here to-day, and to whose memory we have erected this evergreen Liberty bell. Inspired with patriotism, his noble example and unswerving determination to win our national independence nerved the little band of struggling patriots to persevere, when the star of hope seemed almost lost to view amid encircling clouds of dark adversity.

To-day the descendents of those suffering but resolute men and women of the gloomy days of our Revolution, bless them for their sublime faith, which would not permit them to despair. The present bounties we enjoy are the rich harvest from good seed sown by them in patient endurance of trial and privation. We cannot love our great general too much, nor too highly esteem our soldier men of the Revolution who bore the brunt of battle and inconceivable hardships on the march, in camp and hospital, often without even necessary food or clothing.

Neither can we forget the *women*, who patiently endured at home more than can be expressed. Their patriotism equaled that of their soldier-husbands, fathers and sons. History is full of records of generous self-sacrificing, heroic deeds of the *women* of the Revolution. God gave patriotic mothers in those dire days, and in the history of past ages the truly great men, who have made the world better for living in it, have been the sons of righteous, faiteful mothers—

All honor to such men and such women!

A deep religious fervor pervaded the hearts of our revolutionary ancestors, and they left us examples of loyalty to duty that we must heed in our own lives. It behooves us to be grateful to Providence that *this* is our native land.

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Sympathy and aid are extended in helping worthy, capable ones to climb higher in social and business life. Our past history and present proud position in the esteem of the world at large justly claim our patriotism, yet in our cup of national content there are some dregs.

Alas! we cannot expect perfection in humanity, and while there is much to make us glad and thankful, there are popular traits among us only too evident, which to the thoughtful mind bring sadness.

In our day and generation as a people we are deficient in reverence for religion and parental authority, having sadly departed, in this respect, from the good ways of our early fathers; neither do we pay homage, as we should, to genuine culture in thought and character.

As citizens, a serious responsibility is resting upon us which we cannot escape, each one in his or her sphere, by precept and example, to cultivate tone and healthy public sentiments, founded on religion and intelligence. Thus only will our beloved country progress in wisdom, moderation and justice, when all mankind will concede the honor it is to be able to say, "I am an American citizen."

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He governed, in the fearful hour
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HARRIET L. W. HILL.

Address before the Woman's Literary Club of Baltimore, Feb. 19, 1901.

LOWELL ON WASHINGTON.

[Poem read at Cambridge, on the one hundredth anniversary of Washington taking command of the American army, July 3, 1775.]

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As life's indifferent gifts to all men born;
Dumb for himself, unless it were to God,
But for his barefoot soldiers eloquent,
Tramping the snow to coral where they trod,
Held by his awe in hollow-eyed content;
Modest, yet firm as Nature's self, embalmed
Save by the men his nobler nature shamed.
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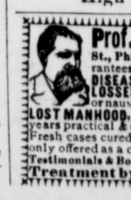

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