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the letters A and B, and then time and money failed; but he has left us the only medical bibliography without a dry page.

And there is another side of the work of the School of the Book. The times we live in offer small encouragement to a belief in the accuracy of any human record. We are back in the days of Lucian's "Liar" when the "delight of romancing themselves is only equalled by the earnest attention with which they receive other people's efforts in the same direction". The tongue has always been suspect, but now who will glean truth from the written record? It is not merely the congenital Cretans who are always with us, but the written statements of a cloud of witnesses are hopelessly at variance in regard to the simplest of facts. To make the best of these frail earthen vessels we must train historians and biographers in the critical study of original documents. This is the other great function of the School—to teach scholars how to study and interpret the rich stores of documents in our public and private collections. Of the training of Archivists you will hear from Mr. Hall. When, as we may hope, library schools are organized, opportunities will be offered to students on the same wide and liberal lines as the "École des Chartes" of Paris, whose students have been well named the modern Benedictines. It is not a matter of training men for library work, but as stated on the original foundation of the "École des Chartes," "Le but de l'institution est de former des érudits". While there would be pupils whose object was to make a profession of the care and study of archives, a majority, let us hope, would be learning how to do spade work in the sources of history and literature. What a revelation are the publications of the Record Office and of the Historical Manuscripts Commission! And so many rich veins remain unworked! What a different view we have of Shakespeare's business and dramatic personality since Prof. Wallace's spade work at the Record Office. Pupils of the "École des Chartes" have made Rabelais live again in the ten volumes of "Le Revue des Études Rabelaisiennes". It is astonishing that so many documents of the first importance should have remained unstudied. In my own country, Canada, a revoul-