

and then by preaching "Uprightness" in Calligraphy to all his sloping friends and acquaintances.

Every merchant should co-operate in this upward grade enterprise by engaging, none save Vertical writers and encouraging his staff to abandon the Slope where it is practised and adopt the Vertical.

I shall be very pleased to help any reader of this article in "Upright Penmanship" by replying to enquiries, but I might refer students and teachers to "The Theory and Practice of Handwriting" a manual published by Sampson Low & Co. (Ltd) of London where full instructions will be found in addition to exhaustive chapters on nearly every important branch of the Art.

In conclusion I might mention that several cases of Myopia, Spinal Curvature, Writer's Cramp and Pulmonary Disease have come under my own observation where the injury was palpably owing to the postures demanded by and assumed in the Sloping writing.

We have had centuries of this Scourge. Slope in our writing has destroyed that writing and deteriorated our physique, entailing, disease and suffering incalculable. Hitherto it has been therefore "*Slope to the Death*!" Henceforward let everyone determine it shall be "*Death to the Slope*" then and not till then we shall have a standard of Calligraphy to boast of and much healthier and stronger bodies besides.

## EDUCATION IN FOREIGN PERIODICALS.

MR. FROUDE'S INAUGURAL LECTURE AS REGIUS PROFESSOR OF MODERN HISTORY.<sup>1</sup>

THE Cardinals, on the election of a new Pope, chose occasionally the oldest member of the College, in the hope of an early vacancy. The expectation was sometimes disappointed, and the most distinguished pontificates have been those of men who at their elevation were supposed to have one foot in the grave. I have no such ambitious hope of a long tenure of my own humble office. I am perhaps the oldest, or nearly the oldest, member of the University in this room, and with me at least the *summa brevis* of life *spem vetat inchoare longam*. If you ask me why then I undertook it, I might say that I was tempted and fell. I never, however, read of a cardinal who refused the papacy because he was too advanced in years, or a lawyer who refused the Great Seal for such a reason, or a statesman who has not

been willing to be prime minister. If these great offices are not deemed too heavy for an old man, a professorship of history may have been accepted innocently by a person who has made it the study of his life. His tenure may be long or brief, but at any rate it will not extend beyond the time when he finds he can be no longer useful.

"Briefly, I was offered an opportunity of returning to my old University after a long absence. The temptation was too strong to be resisted. It is my business now to justify if I can the choice which sent me here.

"I have come back to Oxford, but no more to the Oxford that I knew. I left an Oxford which was

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