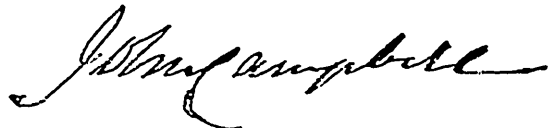


peculiar side of human life, in which, as in all sides, the good and the evil are more or less mingled. Unblemished saints and unmitigated sinners are rare in civilized life. As to the matter of truthfulness, the so-called saint is often guilty of greater defect than the sinner, because he has an external reputation to keep up. Every human being possessed of an imagination, romances. Romancing or day-dreaming is one of the hopeful charms of life, and, unreal and unprofitable as it may be, is infinitely better than treacherous scheming to make it real and lucrative. The Talker once had a lad in his employment who had a large streak of Tommy in his composition. Being set to the prosaic task of cutting high grass with a sickle, he viewed the stalks of timothy and other gramineae as ranks of deadly enemies, which he attacked in magnificent stage-fashion, slashing and drawing back for a breath, then re-advancing, with a heroic spring to the charge and deadly hack and hew. He made an awful mess of the grass, but, on the whole, was a more honest and faithful servant than many who have done better mowing, and he now occupies a far superior position. What, after all, are many of the loftiest thoughts of poets and philosophers but day-dreams? They are injurious when simply selfish and paralyzing to energy, but if they stimulate to a higher life through God and God's love being in them, they become divine.

Finally, the Editor in Chief has handed to me Green's Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, published by H. L. Hastings of Boston, in paper cover, for thirty-five cents. It has a preface by Mr. Hastings, and a supplement by Dr. Thayer of Harvard, and contains 216 well-printed pages. It seems to be very complete and carefully edited, and is a perfect marvel of cheapness. Mr. Hastings is a zealous defender of the faith, sometimes too zealous, but no one can take exception to this contribution.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely reading "J. M. Campbell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.