

Family Reading.

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It may be said emphatically, that this is an age when children learn everything, but know nothing. This is especially true of young girls.

It is the fault of the modern academies generally to attempt to teach too much. The popular notion, that the more studies a pupil has the better must be his education, is radically wrong; and yet instructors, who know better, in order to make their schools flourishing, trundle to this idea.

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"Listen, I said, as I opened the New Testament at the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew. 'You speak of almsgiving; hear what my Koran says about giving alms; and I rendered into Arabic the first four verses: 'Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them, &c.'"

My Arab friend laughed too, for that evening we had supped sparsely from necessity. "But," said he "it is not part of your religion? and—before I could reply—I don't think you have any religion. You don't pray; you don't give alms; you do nothing."

The Ode is transcendental performance, rather above the comprehension of our matter-of-fact masses. Compare the above with the following, by the Rev. Ralph Hoyt, which we find in the N. Y. Evening Mirror—

ODE FOR THE CRYSTAL PALACE. When the Architect Eternal, By his wisdom, power, and love, Reared the Crystal Dome superlative, Measureless his skill to prove;

THE ABOVE "WORKMAN" is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." A finer anthem than this can hardly be found in the annals of American poetry.

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