

THE WORTH OF ADVICE

it up to him. The earl read a few pages and said to a servant, "Take the writer twenty pounds." Still he read on, and presently he cried in rapture, "Carry that man twenty pounds more." Entranced he continued to read, but presently he shouted: "Go turn that fellow out of the house, for if I read further I shall be ruined!"

Dr. Franklin tells us that the chance perusal of De Foe's "Essay on Projects" influenced the principal events and course of his life. The reading of the "Lives of the Saints" caused Ignatius Loyola to form the purpose of creating a new religious order,—which purpose eventuated in the powerful society of the Jesuits.

Dickens's earliest and best literary work, the "Pickwick Papers," was begun at the suggestion of a publisher of a magazine for whom Dickens was doing some job-work at the time. He was asked to write a serial story to fit some comic pictures which chanced to be in the publisher's possession.

While yet a mere boy Scott chanced upon a copy of Percy's "Reliques of Ancient Poetry," which he read and re-read

Laziness travels so slowly that poverty soon overtakes him.—
FRANKLIN.

It is faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth looking at.—
OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Blessed is he who has found his work. From the heart of the worker rises the celestial force, awakening him to all nobleness, to all knowledge.—
THOMAS CARLYLE.