to the root of the trouble through the slow process of ascertaining its cause. The first is more quickly applauded; but only the second is permanent in its effect.

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The death of Holman Hunt has recalled to mind many things concerning the pre-Raphaelite movement, a stage in the evolution of Art familiar to all its students. Sole survivor of the pre-Raphaelite brotherhood is the octogenarian art critic, William Michael Rossetti, brother of Dante Gabriel and Christine Rossetti. M. A. P. draws attention to the fact that Mr. Rossetti began his career in the Excise Offices in 1845, and when he retired from the Assistant Secretaryship of the Board of Inland Revenue, he had occupied that position a quarter of a century. Other examples of workers in dry Government departments who have distinguished themselves in letters are Mr. Austin Dobson, Mr. W. W. Jacobs, Mr. Edmund Gosse and Mr. A. B. Walkley. Life in the service of the state has not in every case destroyed or retarded original power.

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