

us, in "Evelyn Hope," that God above "is great to grant, as mighty to make," and that he "creates the love to reward the love," so that he may be trusted for an eternity in which world after world shall perish. Browning believes that "love leads the soul to its highest perfection;" he looks forward to scaling "other heights in other lives, God willing." Nor does this hope merely brighten an earthly love, for "all things suffer change save God and truth." "I trust," he says, "in the compensating great God," who "were good enough, though the world casts us out." Before God "all service ranks the same," for he "ne'er dooms to waste the strength He deigns impart." Browning's philosophy of life is not that of mere pleasure, for "all is beauty, and knowing this is love, and love is duty." Duty shows us that "man was made to grow, not stop,"—"why stay we on the earth unless to grow?"

Life is probation, and this earth no goal,
But starting-point of man."

"What's time? Man has forever;" and in that forever the earthly part is as true as the heavenly, and as much a part of God's plan. "Grapple with danger whereby souls grow strong," cheered with the thought that ultimately "the battle element must pass away."

Any one of the books of selections from Browning, in the hands of a thoughtful reader, could be made to multiply such lines as these, and perhaps to furnish better ones. In the long—and by no means uniformly praiseworthy—row of the poet's works are occasional faults; for Browning at times seems wilfully crude, careless, and obscure. But whether he writes in one way or in another, in his own person or in his dramatic characters, he constantly holds up the ideal element, as defined in the beginning of this article:

I count life just a stuff
To try the soul's strength on.

This poet, and the company of nobler poets, would help us to try harder than ever before to make the most of ourselves, and make the most of life. Emerson says of the poet who in turn transmits his lesson to his fellow-man:

Over all his crowning grace,
Wherefor thanks God his daily praise,
Is the purging of his eye
To see the people of the sky:
From blue mount and headland dim
Friendly hands stretch forth to him,
Him they beckon, him advise
Of heavenlier prosperities
And a more excelling grace.
Teach him gladly to postpone
Pleasures to another stage
Beyond the scope of human age,
Freely as task at eve undone
Waits unblamed to-morrow's sun.

—S. S. Times.

NEVER use a hard word where an easy one will answer as well.

IN consequence of the success of the Township Institutes held in East Victoria last October, it is proposed to hold one for the Township of Ops and Town of Lindsay, and another for the Township of Somerville, during the last half of 1887. It is proposed to hold the former at Lindsay, on Friday, Sept. 16, subject to change of date if necessary.

THE County Council of the County of Victoria has provided forms for monthly reports to parents, for all the schools in the county.

THE tap root of a system of government in school is to furnish all with employment that is interesting to them, and at the same time conducive to their highest mental and moral development. To keep the imps of mischief away, put the angel of business on guard.