

faithful little dark one, which is called "Greenie." He comes every day for his food. On wet days he has been found in the house warming and drying his wet feathers by the fire.

Hilda Hogbin.

### MY FAVORITE CHARACTER IN FICTION.

Of all characters either in fiction or history, I think that of Portia is the most lovable and admirable. What description of her is more realistic than that of Wordsworth of his wife:

"A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort and command."

And yet

"A creature not too bright or good  
For human nature's human food;  
For transient sorrows, simple wiles,  
Praise, blame, love, kisses, tears and smiles."

In the trial scene all that is finest and best in her shines forth, her great powers, high sense of religion and also her womanly feeling. Her whole heart is in the task when appealing to Shylock, giving him the lesson taught by Christ when his Jewish idea of justice, "the letter of the law," comes forth so strongly; when she tries first by calling upon his mercy, all that is best in him to prevail upon him, to pause ere he take such a step.

She shows us the lighter side of her character when as a playful girl she asks of Bassanio his ring, and describes with what humor her many suitors. These descriptions show, despite their humor, a remarkably good discrimination of character.

With what unselfishness she bids Bassanio go to the aid of his friend, though it seems only natural that she should wish for his company so short a time after their marriage. Her tact is shown when in her wish to leave Belmont she asks Gratiano as a special favor to look after her beautiful house, making herself appear in this way his debtor.

We leave her with Bassanio, her husband, happy as only such a noble woman deserves to be.

Jean Jephson.

### Prize Day.

(From the Victoria Daily Colonist.)

Yale, June 27.—The beautiful atmosphere which usually surrounds existence at Yale was agitated on Thursday last by the pleasant excitement, which twice a year attends the close of the term at All Hallows' School. A number of parents and friends of the pupils came up to be present at the entertainments, with which the breaking up was celebrated, and the available accommodation of the town was in consequence taxed to its utmost capacity. The school itself and the little town are alone well worth a visit. The