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NOTES.

A VIPER.—A metaphorically-inclined friend of ours, whom we greatly respect for his enthusiasm, earnestness and insight, has lately, in an outburst of feeling, termed us a viper. We must thank our friend for the new name. Viper comes from the Latin *vipera* or *vivipera*, which is derived from *vivus* (alive) and *pario* (I produce), meaning a live production. Now for the secret—forgive our want of bashfulness, but we cannot help it—cherish and remember it, endorse and sanction it: V. P. means *Vivipera*, a live production. We are willing to be called hard names, if thereby we can direct attention through ourselves to the necessities of education and free discussion. We are willing to be considered as having life, if thereby we may inject some life into half-living questions. We are unwilling to be denied freedom of discussion. We are unwilling to accuse others of flinging poisoned darts that we may fling more poisonous ones ourselves. We are unwilling to be dragged further into useless controversies, for Holmes says “controversies equalize men and fools.” We are unwilling wrongfully to wound anyone. We do not profess perfection or infallibility. Our aim is to say what we believe to be true, and to abide the consequences. What we have written we have written.

LONGFELLOW.—The memory of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow has been honored in England by the unveiling of a bust of that poet in Westminster Abbey a few days ago. It occupies a conspicuous place between the busts of Chaucer