

graphy is really the specialization of history. Every argument for the study of history becomes one for Biography.

Is your faith in man below par? Read Carlyle's "Oliver Cromwell" and see how one man moulded the character of the hardiest but truest race that ever lived. Do you think man is insignificant? Read Wayland's "Life of Judson" and see what one man did in laying the foundation of Modern Missions. Is your faith in man at a low ebb? Read Wayland's "Memoirs" and see how one man remade the educational system of a nation. Such examples teach us to have faith in man when we see how one man has wrought so mightily for the world.

Biography also *sets before the student correct ideals*. James Russell Lowell says: "The only conclusive evidence of a man's sincerity is that he gives himself for a principle. Words, money, all things else, are comparatively easy to give away; but when a man makes a gift of his daily life and practice, it is plain that the truth, whatever it may be, has taken possession of him." No Biography is worth reading except it illustrates this idea. There is so much, however, that does, that we shall find abundance to read. The man who gives *himself*, patiently, day by day, year after year, is the one in whose life true ideals are realized. Forty-six years was none too long for Wm. Wilberforce to give *himself* for the freedom of the slave. But back of those years of *life-giving* were years of *life-making*. Those years were incorporating ideals into his life, so that no opposition could thwart their realization. These true ideals it is the province of Biography to reveal.

We are inclined to look at great men as almost of a separate race from ourselves. As we study their lives, though they loom up into far greater proportions as we get nearer them, yet we discover that they too were men; and that they have influenced men so mightily because they were men—men of large mould—yet men the more truly for that. Cromwell and Lincoln, Arnold and Wayland, MacKenzie and Thompson, were men—men true to principle and to the duty nearest them. They wrought great things for their fellow men. Fidelity to the Divine purpose in life is ever the path to usefulness.

These men teach us that men of large calibre are wanted. On what did these men feed that they became so great? *On truth*. Truly great men find in God's revealed truth the source of their greatness. They all emphasize the value of *Christian manhood*. You cannot make great principles effec-