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With this number the REVIEW begins a new period of its history. For twenty-six years it has been the expression of the high ideals of education held by its founder, and the medium through which he offered his friendly help to his fellow-teachers.

His influence cannot but be sadly missed by its readers. One of them, writing in condolence, spoke of Dr. Hay's "strong but gentle personality," and every one who knew him will recognize the fitness of the words.

His old pupils, and the teachers who worked under him bear witness to that rule of mingled strength and gentleness. Singleminded, unmoved by self-seeking motives, he was always firm on the side of right, and could be sternly indignant over public wrongs. But how broad-minded and sweet-tempered he was in personal matters. Some of us remember well the little laugh, and "Ah, well—" with which he would dismiss a slight or vexation that others resented for him.

Those who knew him in his daily life knew the sources of the punctilious truth and honour, the calm steadfastness, unselfishness and courtesy, that were the outstanding qualities of a most lovable character. Deep religious principle guided his life, and prompted not only exemplary devotion to outward observances of religion, and to good works, but also,

"That better portion of a good man's life
His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love."

And second only to the power of religion came the calming and elevating influence of the nature which he so ardently loved and studied. To see him at his summer home at Ingleside was to recognize the truth of the picture drawn by the greatest of nature poets, of the man

From little enmities and low desires,"
"removed"

And finding in Nature

"A never-failing principle of joy
And purest passion."

We who have to carry on the work of such a man may well feel the responsibility a heavy one. We are grateful to the many friends among our readers who have encouraged us by their expressions of confidence and good wishes, and we hope to justify them by trying to maintain in the REVIEW the high standards of its founder.