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Among the most useful gifts which those who have mastered the difficulties of learning can bestow, is the composition and publication of such treatises as may reveal to younger aspirants for knowledge, both the difficulties in the path to eminence, and the best mode of surmounting them.

The experience of mature scholars is, indeed, valuable to themselves, but a judicious record of it becomes even more valuable to those who are beginning a student's life. For, although nothing can take the place of personal application and perseverance, there is, nevertheless, substantial aid in the encouraging voice of those whose application has been rewarded with success, and whose perseverance has terminated in distinction.

Among works which may be properly regarded as the tribute of an elder to a younger scholar, is the following essay on study. It is the production of a Flemish philosopher and mathematician of the sixteenth century, whose German name was Sterck, and whose Latin appellation was Joachimus Fortius Ringelbergius. He appears to have been skilled in va-