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I.

"It is not style or rhymes or a new image more or less that imports, but sanity. . . . When life is true to the poles of nature, the streams of truth will roll through us in song. . . . In good society, nay, among the angels in heaven, is not everything spoken in fine parable, and not so servilely as it befell to the sense? . . .

The solid men complain that the idealist leaves out the fundamental facts; the poet complains that the solid men leave out the sky. To every plant there are two powers; one shoots down as rootlet, and one upward as tree. You must have eyes of science to see in the seed its nodes; you must have the vivacity of the poet to perceive in the thought its futurities."—EMERSON.

II.

"BUT now I let the aching splendour go,
I dare not call the crownèd angels peers,
Henceforth! I am content to dwell below,
'Mid common joys, with humble smiles and tears,
Delighted in the sun and breeze to grow,
A child of human hopes and human fears."

WATHEN MARK WILKS CALL.

III.

"LEBEN ist jedoch des Lebens höchstes Ziel
Und immer ist die arme Kunst gezwungen
Zu betteln von des Lebens Ueberfluss."

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Medication.

TO C. A. V.

*Not that the theme is worthy, nor the lay
Such as your heart would have, one time in three ;
Yet, battling, I would chaunt of victory
All life's night through : though dubious dream of day
Scarcely suffices me to shed one ray
O'er the fierce field where you must fighting be ;—
Yet you have brought a little sword to me
Of strange new metal that I would essay.*

*And thanks are due. So thank I you in songs,
And having sung, may turn me hence, to strive
What time strength stays with me—alert, alive,
To right some trifle of the night's dumb wrongs ;
And if through minstrelsy one plea may thrive,
To you memorial gratitude belongs.*

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