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"TIS OPPORTUNE TO LOOK BACK UPON OLD
TIMES, AND CONTEMPLATE OUR FOREFATHERS.
GREAT EXAMPLES GROW THIN, AND TO BE
FETCHED FROM THE PASSED WORLD. SIM-
PLICITY FLIES AWAY, AND INIQUITY COMES AT
LONG STRIDES UPON US."

SIR THOMAS BROWNE.

SOME apology is due from me, at this outset, to the possessors of Pagan Papers, — a book of yester-year and its snows, — in which a half dozen of the following sketches have already been published. Fortunately they are few in number, these investors in gilt-edged security, — and rare spirits all, possessing (as Rabelais hath it of Socrates) “*entendement plus que humain, vertus merveilleuses, courage invincible, sobresse non pareille.*” They must therefore of necessity be magnanimous to a fault, and I am sure will forgive me readily if, to avoid “*solution of continuity,*” I include these pieces here.

Most of these stories have appeared in the NATIONAL OBSERVER, and two in the NEW REVIEW; others, in the YELLOW BOOK, PHIL MAY'S CHRISTMAS ANNUAL, and the little CHAP-BOOK of big Chicago.

K. G.

Kensington, February, 1895.

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