THE TIME OF HAMLET.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

SIR: Two sentences in the letter of Miss Kate Field, which appeared in THE TRIBUNE of Jan. 6, seem to demand a word of inquiry or reply from the editor of the "Essays and Sketches" of the late George B. Woods. For the kind and friendly expressions of Miss Field's letter and for the generous frankness of her admission that Mr. Wood's essay upon "The Time of Hamlet" completely refuted her own argument upon that point in her *Atlantic* essay, I beg sincerely to thank her. But, so far as I have been informed, this admission of her error is the first one ever made in print by Miss Field; and I cannot admit the justice of her expressing a regret that Mr. Woods's editor "did not allow her an opportunity of setting herself right with the public." Before making such a suggestion Miss Field is bound to show—what is not in fact true—that Mr. Woods's editor had reason to suppose that she had retreated from the position taken in *The Atlantic*.

But Miss Field is mistaken in supposing that her *Atlantic* essay "inspired Mr. Woods's research" into the time of Hamlet. His research was originally "inspired" by Mr. Richard Grant White's article upon "Hamlet," which was printed in *The Galaxy*. Mr. White there maintained that the time covered by the tragedy was ten years—Hamlet being, according to Shakespeare, 30 years of age when he died, and, according to Mr. White, 20 years old at the beginning of the play. Soon after the publication of Mr. White's essay Mr. Woods's first article on the subject appeared in *The Boston Daily Advertiser;* it was entitled "How old was Hamlet?" and gave the whole substance of Mr. Woods's unanswerable argument that the correct time of the tragedy is between two and three months. Subsequently, and rather oddly as it now seems, Miss Field—who, of course, had not read Mr. Woods's answer to Mr. White—printed her essay in *The Atlantic*, in which she maintained that the action of the tragedy consumed but ten days. Thereupon Mr. Woods reprinted in *The Advertiser* his former argument—expressed, however, in a more elaborate form and with somewhat different words—under the title of "The Time of Hamlet." I am sorry that truth compels me to deprive Miss Field of the pleasure of supposing her own article to have stimulated Mr. Woods to his Shakespearian researches; but it will doubtless be a compensation to her to know that some who had not the excuse of "her perennial hurry as a journalist" were more mistaken than herself, and that Mr. White's argument had been demolished before her own was put into print.

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REAL ESTATE.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1873.

There was a fair attendance at the Exchange, to-day, and the following public transactions were made, viz.:

By Hugh N. Camp, sale by order of the Supreme Court, under the direction of Jarvis Slade, receiver of the International Insurance Company, the five-story brown stone front building and lot, 25.3 feet front by 23 feet rear, by 103 feet on the southerly line, and 104 feet on the northerly line (building covering almost the entire lot), located and known as No. 179 Broadway, and being the premises occupied by the above-mentioned Insurance Company, to W. S. Duke, for $156,000. Considerable interest was manifested in the sale of this parcel of property, owing to the fact of it being located in the midst of so regarded most desirable business neighborhoods, and the price obtained is naturally regarded as establishing a value for adjacent and similarly located properties. We do not regard the price realized in this instance, however, as equal to the actual value, judging from the prices asked and obtained for neighboring realty.

The same auctioneer also sold by legal order the two-story brick blacksmith shop and lot, 23.9x92, located on the northerly side of Sixteenth-st., 250 feet easterly from Avenue A, for $4,300, to J. Metger; this sale was made under the direction of John C. Connor, referee.

R. H. Ludlow & Co. sold, by legal order, acting under the direction of Edward H. Nicholl, referee, the four four-story brick tenement-houses and lots, each 25x100.11, located, three on the southerly side of One-hundred-and-tenth-st., commencing 75 feet westerly from First-ave., and one on the northerly side of One-hundred-and-ninth-st., commencing 100 feet westerly from the same avenue, for an average of $10,225 each, the purchaser being H. Bogert, the plaintiff in the legal action.

Wm. Kennelly adjourned for two weeks the legal sale noted to be made, under the direction of S. F. Higgins, referee, of property located on the easterly side of Eldridge and on the southerly side of Hester-st., west of Allen-st.

Wm. H. Raynor has sold eight full lots, West Side Grand Boulevard, between One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth and One-hundred-and-thirtieth-sts., for $50,000.

The following sales are expected to be made at the Exchange, to-morrow:

Wednesday, Jan. 15.

By James M. Miller, legal sale, under the direction of Richard C. Beamish, referee, 4 lots, 30x102.2, located on the southerly side of Seventy-fifth-st., 200 feet westerly from Second-ave.

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112th-st, n s, 143 ft w of Avenue A, 125x100.11	
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