NEW PUBLICATIONS.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE. AUTOBIOGRAPHY, DIARY AND CORRESPONDENCE. Edited by Edward Everett Hale. 12mo, pp. 430. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

It is greatly to be regretted that the late James Freeman Clarke was unable to carry his autobiography further than the beginning of his public career, for the eighty pages of it which Mr. Hale is alone able to publish are so interesting that it is evident the chronicle, if completed to within a few years of his death, would have been a most fascinating record. As it is the fragment presents a very attractive sketch of his childhood, youth and early manhood. His first years were passed under fortunate conditions, notwithstanding the failure of his father in business. The elder Clarke was a man of great versatility and varied knowledge, but lacked persistence. His forte was organization and invention, but having struck out new leads he lost interest in the subject of his investigations and was impatient to be at something else. He tried his hand at many things, and succeeded in the beginning well enough to make it plain that he could easily have amassed wealth had he been able to concentrate his energies upon one occupation. The burning of some chemical works in which he had invested all he possessed, at the moment when the insurance had expired, completed his ruin. But the Massachusetts family had many branches, and the Freemans, Clarkes and Hulls all offered refuges and homes to their broken kin. To his grandfather Freeman, the subject of this memoir owed a happy opening to his education, for this wise old man had anticipated the most advanced modern theories of education, and in teaching his grandchildren his first care was to interest them in the subjects of their study.

Until he was ten years old, James Freeman Clarke remained under this intelligent teacher, and to show what he gained, he says: "The excellence of this method may be seen in the fact that before I was ten years old I had read a good deal of Ovid, some odes of Horace, a little of Virgil, the gospel of Matthew in Greek, and had gone as far as cubic equations in algebra. I also had read through the 'History of the United States,' Hume's 'England,' Robertson's 'Scotland,' Ferguson's and Gibbon's 'Rome.' I can repeat to-day, after sixty years, many passages of Ovid and at least three odes of Horace which I committed to memory before I was ten. Nor was I aware that I was doing a great deal, for the study was made almost as entertaining as play." Afterward he went to the Boston Latin School, and later to Harvard, where the methods of instruction were as stupid as his grandfather's had been intelligent. Mr. Clarke writes almost with bitterness of the Harvard recitations of his day. There was absolutely no help for the student in the plan pursued. The professors sat silently in their classrooms and the men recited before them. No comment was made by the teachers, no solution of any difficulty was offered, no explanations were given. The professor merely marked the credits or demerits against each recitation, and there an end. It was impossible that the students should get much good out of so barren an educational apparatus, and as a matter of fact they did not profit greatly by their make-believe instruction. Young Clarke went through his course in the Divinity School, however, and if he took no sensible gain from the recitations he made valuable friendships and prepared himself unconsciously for the business of his life.

When he entered the active world to play his part for better, for worse, New-England was in a state of ferment. It was a period when all young New-England, retaining the strong religious bent it had imbibed with its mother's milk, but rebelling against the old, rigid, dogmatic and theological forms and barriers, was moved by a vague restlessness and a quickening faith in the approach of some great psychical reform, some religious revolution which was to exalt and purify the community, bring God nearer and make of Christianity a rule of daily life and not a thing of rites and ceremonies merely or mainly. This also was the time when the body politic was to be raised and amended; when selfish seeking for wealth was to die out, and some form of communism, characterized by plain living and high thinking, was to be generally adopted. Out of these generous but visionary speculations issued the notable Brook Farm fiasco. It was an epoch of grand talking and enthusiastic correspondence, when the Channings and Emerson and Margaret Fuller and George Ripley and their fellows labored together or apart, with various plans but a single end in view. From the first, however, James Freeman Clarke manifested an unfitness for the role of enthusiast. Even at college the lad had become remarked for a certain judicial habit of mind. His intellect was so constituted that it was a necessity with him to look at both sides of every question. Now, whoever does this cannot become an enthusiast or a strong partisan, for the habit implies constant recognition of the relativity of truth. James Freeman Clarke found his mental equability of great service to him in after life, yet not invariably. In his relations to the Anti-Slavery contest he would have exercised wider influence had he been less balanced in his views; and in this instance a balanced view was not the truest or the most philosophic one.

His first work in the pulpit was done at Louisville, Ky. Here he stayed seven years, moving thence to Boston, where he organized the Church of the Disciples, with which he was to be associated during the rest of his life. At that time Louisville was more liberal than Boston on the slavery question. The Kentuckians frankly admitted that it was an evil, and that it ought to be put an end to. It is true that this breadth of view did not endure long. Clarke, during his residence in a slave State, learned to hate slavery, but he could not see that the slaveholders were implicated in the sin and wrong which they maintained and upon which they subsisted. Clarke was never a member of the Anti-Slavery Society, and he was not a very serviceable friend to the cause—though Mr. Hale thinks otherwise—for the reason that his shrinking from what he thought excess or one-sidedness imparted to his words and views a tolerance which in the circumstances was most unseasonable. He at first regarded Garrison, for example, very much as Philistine Boston did; and though he changed his opinion later, he never approved of the methods whereby the Northern conscience was at length awakened. We think it certain that the Nation would have been all slave, or the Union would have been ignobly dissolved, if the North had had no counsellors but those who stood for compromise and the placation of the aggressive South. The politicians experimented on that line to the verge of national ruin. Their patchwork was flung aside and the situation was firmly faced at last, only because the Anti-Slavery Society had done its work well and thoroughly, and had compelled the North to realize the true nature of the problem.

Personally, James Freeman Clarke was a power for good, and this power he derived largely from his optimism. He had one rule of action. It was invariably to assume that there was some good in every one, even the most apparently debased. In preaching and in talking to individuals he always appealed to what was best in the natures of his hearers, and almost always with effect. His own was not only an equable but a singularly sweet nature. It is said that he never lost his temper, never was seen despondent, and never returned a railing accusation. Even when fiercely assailed and accused of all manner of things, he would say: "It may be all so, but I have done the best I could." Mr. Hale says it was quite impossible to quarrel with him, and this can be understood. He led a remarkably active and full life, as the list of his published works alone demonstrates. It is a pity that Mr. Hale did not devote somewhat more space to his writings, for by these he is and always will be best known to the majority of his admirers. His editor maintains that he had the temperament of a poet, and the judgment is borne out by the general tenor of his life and works, though he wrote little verse. During the war he was active in well-doing, serving with the Sanitary Commission and in many other ways. In his later years he was one of the Harvard Overseers and held other offices, chiefly connected with education. From first to last it was a full and useful career, and the close was peaceful and swift. He worked almost to the end, and retained his cheerfulness and sweetness of disposition. It was a really beautiful life, not wanting in inspiration, and abounding in profitable suggestion. His rule had always been to do the nearest duty with all heartiness and fidelity, and that rule will carry any man far. Mr. Hale has presented the facts eloquently and fitly, and the memoir should be widely read.

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