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delight. His was a strong personality. His kindly sympathy grew stronger with the passing years. He not only possessed all the cardinal virtues of the ancients—justice, prudence, temperance, and fortitude,—but he was ever generous and charitable. His love for his family and kindred amounted almost to a passion, and his kindness of heart extended to all with whom he came in contact. He was deliberate and careful in forming his opinions, and once formed he held them with firmness; but in upholding them he never descended to personalities, and no word was ever uttered by him that left a sting on the memory of his opponent, even when vanquished. He was wise and learned, a kind and true friend, an exemplary citizen, and, best of all, an honest man.

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The late Rev. Dr. Peabody, in a letter to N. P. Willis, took occasion to rebut the notion that newspaper writing is necessarily of small account and influence. He said (we quote from the Home Journal) :

How many of the best works have been fragmentary and occasional? Not to mention half the literature of the time—essays, reviews, lectures, sermons, speeches—Bacon's Essays, Feltham, The Spectator, Rambler, and numberless other works have been as fragmentary as your articles; but their influence has been none the less on that account. * * * * A journalist, after all, has great advantages. He writes both in the presence of his subject and his audience.

I know of no way in which an author of ability is more sure of a speedy return—in the shape of influence and usefulness—for the most conscientious and careful labors, than by addressing the public through the newspaper press.

Signourney—*Life in the West*, March 19, 1857.

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