

VANN'S VIEWS.

"Wondering we hear, and fixed in deep surprise Our ears refute the course of our eyes."

—LEAD.

Immeasurable distance, with the finger of skepticism points to the epoch in Hellenic record when Argive Helen first made her appearance within the Trojan walls; that period fraught with the pathetic fate of Hector, Patroclus and the bloody extinction of the Priamic dynasty—Homer's Ilium, Simois and Scamander; the mythical gods and semi divine heroes of the Agamemnoan era, an age forever made glorious by the blind epic bard of Chios. In after ages, the nomadic Thessalian shepherds bivouacking on the debris of Priam's palace may have heard, in the nocturnal reveries of the soul, weird cries issuing from the tumult surrounding the monument of Ilius; or, perchance, saw phantom shapes dancing to the music of an unseen harp—that harp once swept by the jeweled fingers of Briseis in the days of her captivity! The classical readers of today can, and do mingle their tears with those of Dido, Niobe, Hecuba and Andromache; human sympathy—that lingering in our better nature—is not wholly eradicated from the bosom of man, though we are constrained to acknowledge it has reached a fearfully low ebb in that direction. Both prophet and heathen sage—Moses and David, Herodotus and Josephus—have given us vivid, revolting pictures from the annals of ancient days. Let us glance down the chronological scale—what do we see? The prophet, painting Gibeah, Medeba, the battle of the Kings, Urhah in the arms of death; the heathen, etching Arbela, Thermopylae, the "Slaughter of Maji," the eleven-hundred thousand Jews entering the phantom world when Jerusalem fell beneath the conquering sword of Titus! We could refer to times and scenes less remote—Bull Run, Gettysburg and Spottsylvania do not belong to a mythical past; millions of hearts, beating today, were pierced by sorrow's dagger when the smoke lifted from those fratricidal plains. What is the evidence in the case? Simply this: Life and all its imaginary joys are crossed by a bloody trail; a parabolic curve whose divergent extremities, un-

like the approaching ends of a semicircle, will never meet in time whatever may be the result in the vast cycle of the unknown. Fast and fancy placed in close juxtaposition will, now and then, help us to see how conflicting are the views and opinions of great minds; and, by way of illustration, we will introduce some of the worthies of a past period who have immortalized the era in which they lived. First, we present Horace—"Dama nona quid non imminuit dies—What does not injurious time diminish and impair?" Twenty centuries after the old Roman poet's day, a cynical French philosopher wrote: "The world systematically degenerates in old age." Gibbon, after long years of patient delving in the archives of the dead past, was of the opinion that the world grew better and wiser as the ages advanced in their orbits; this however, is not an axiom which conclusively demonstrates the truth of the historian's proposition—the living, present age refutes the pleasing slander, "I'll talk a word with this same learned Theban." Brilliant as are your facts, and theories in regard to the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire;" great as were your opportunities to investigate the empire of matter in mineral, yet you have signally failed to analyse the empire of mind—that latent but potent factor which works out the great problems of being without fractional remainders. The world growing better? Why, the prisons and reformatories of this and other lands are not numerous nor large enough to hold the reprobates who are daily, hourly transgressing the laws of both God and man—growing better! It may be, and doubtless is growing wiser.

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L. D. VANN.

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