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SOME TRUTHS TAUGHT IN FICTION.

Novelists generally describe the evil tendencies of the times in a more striking manner than do other writers, hence their popularity. There is a deeper meaning to all acts of man than appears on the surface.

North Carolina history is dull. Christian Reid and Tourgee have demonstrated that North Carolina life as portrayed in the novel can be as intensely interesting as that of any country.

Well, then, if we are correct thus far, we will proceed to draw some lessons from a novel which we have just read as to the tendencies of the times in our country.

We will make a few extracts and then we will draw our conclusions, which we hope will not be altogether unprofitable reading for Sunday morning.

"Did you ever think what the town plutocrat really implies? It insinuates a legislature, a congress, a trust in railways and a monopoly in banks.

The other extract that we will make is a description by her lady waiting-maid of Mrs Van Dyne, the wife of a rich candle manufacturer—retired:

"Mrs. Van Dyne is certainly a pound farther than she was yesterday. She tips the scales at three hundred and one pound this morning.

We are brothers with the lowest and the highest. And we owe to all not only discrimination and judgment that we may not encourage idleness and vice, but watchfulness and general sympathy, that we may break no bruised reed nor quench a smoking flax, nor add one grain to the sorrow of those who are ready to perish.

How do you like these two pictures, drawn by a novelist who dedicated his book to Jno. G.

Whittier, from whom he receives a note of thanks, signed, "truly thy friend."

The lesson that we would draw from these pictures is the undesirability of wealth. Here are two pictures of the successful people of our country, one a male and the other a female.

But you will say that these pictures are overdrawn, and they are not representative of that class.

The worthiness of objects of charity is a very serious consideration. It is a bad thing to encourage people to be beggars, or incidentally to help the cause of idleness, of poverty, of misery.

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SUNDAY READING.

The uncertainty of things is a text rather too wide and obvious for fruitful application; and to discourse of it, as one may say, to bottle up the air and make a present of it to those who are already standing out-of-doors.—George Eliot.

How does one will become sanctified? By conforming itself unreservedly to that of God. We will all that He wills, and will nothing that He does not will; we attach our feeble will to that all-powerful will which performs everything.

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