

sample of his wisdom and charity from a chapter on "Cranks": "Let them 'gang their ain gait.' Never take notice of their eccentricities. * * * Never argue with them. Just listen to them good-humoredly, then talk about something else. You recall how Diogenes, the Cynic, to demonstrate his contempt for creature comforts, once stood out in the pouring rain to the admiration of the passersby, until Plato came along and told them that if they took no notice of him, he would soon go home and make himself comfortable." * * * "I confess to a certain sympathy with cranks. * * * There is a reason for their being what they are, and depend upon it, if you knew the reason, you would look upon your troubles with other and kinder eyes. 'To understand is to pardon,' is a true saying of Madame de Stael."

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The Land of Living Men. By Ralph Waldo Trine. New York. Thos. Y. Crowell & Co.

Mr. Trine is well known as the author of a series of books which treat in an attractive way the mystical side or aspect of our life. The best known, perhaps, of the series is the one entitled, "In Tune with the Infinite." In this volume he addresses himself to the social life. His discussions of social questions is not intended to be scientific, but popular. The style is clear and free from all technicality. He keeps in touch with facts all the way through, but there are no burdensome and tedious statistics. He succeeds in giving one the impression that he is well acquainted with the statistics and masses of facts which have been accumulated by social investigators and workers; but his aim is to talk about these conditions in such a way as to interest the common man. There is no radicalism apparent in the tone of his utterance; it is not a propaganda of revolutionary methods, but his thinking is distinctly socialistic in its trend and implications. Those who wish a book dealing with present-day social questions in this spirit, and along these lines, would do well to read it.

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