

MRS. CLIFFORD has struck an original note in this story of life in country England. Chidhurst, the scene of the tale, is "some miles from Farnham, from Liphook and Fernhurst, from Blackdown and Hindhead—from anywhere, in fact, with which the reader may try to identify it." The said reader must content himself with the vague address "Surrey."

There is real picturesqueness in the picture of the quaint beautiful old farm; the patrician free-thinking father, content with his unequal marriage; the strong contrast of the half-sisters—one, hard, narrow, provincial, bigoted, the other beautiful, simple, unconsciously high-bred; the rival lovers, the odd type of mother and daughter presented by the Lakemans.

Every reader will be glad that this pretty love story has a fortunate ending, and that "Tom" and his sweet Margaret are left to be "happy ever afterward."

DANIEL WEBSTER.†

IN the year 1901 Dartmouth College celebrated at Hanover, N. H., the centennial anniversary of the graduation of Daniel Webster, its most distinguished son.

The address which, with some trifling expansion, forms the material of the volume before us, was delivered on this interesting occasion by the Hon. Samuel McCall, an honored representative of Massachusetts in Congress, who in his town seat has stood shoulder to shoulder with Senator Hoar in refusing to train with the politicians of their party in its "colonial" policy. Mr. McCall's address gives an interesting synopsis of a man and a career held in exalted esteem in his day, and ranking in ours as a fine example of a bygone style, that of the fervid, over-elaborate, double-barrelled, rather ponderous, but always impressive "orator," who kept audiences stricken with emotion for seven hours on a stretch, but now-a-days would be less listened to and less admired. Simplicity and effective condensation have become the vogue of our time, except in the Southern States where people still cultivate the old fashioned "eloquence" at full length.

But Webster was undoubtedly a great and remarkable man, with a personal charm

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as conspicuous as his mental power; to both of which elements in his remarkable and ever-memorable personality Mr. McCall has done justice in dignified terms.

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