

may well be proud of our Ordnance Survey and the men who have so successfully carried it out, for the scope of the undertaking is greater than that of any other Government, and the mode and style of the work, whether viewed from a scientific, artistic, or utilitarian stand-point, will hold a first place among the great Geodetic Surveys of the world.

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### THE TEACHING OF THE HILLS.

THE everlasting hills, their country's pride,  
In silence dominate the crowded plains,  
Where busy mortals toil for trivial gains,  
Remembering not the lessons hills provide,  
Mute witnesses of Time's remorseless tide,  
Sweeping away frail man as he attains  
Some object cherished long, for which he strains  
With utmost power ; the hills such folly chide.  
Though fiercely rent by many a stormy blast,  
Majestic their gigantic forms appear,  
The links sublime with ages of the past ;  
These heights, with caution due, the mountaineer  
Ascends, that he afar his gaze may cast  
And rise in thought beyond earth's narrow sphere.

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