

I got a statement a year ago from an Oxford scholar which express this ~~xxx~~ change in the literary field in very strong language, and I copied this statement; that is, out of this book I copied a couple of paragraphs that expressed this very strong (long Afaith(?) (not clear) and I sent this to the leading scholars in the leading ^{of} universities/~~in~~ America in the field of general literature and historical studies. And I asked them, "Do you think this statement is ~~xxxxxx~~ true? What do you think of it?" And practically everyone of them answered by saying, ~~xxx~~ "Well, this is a very difficult matter to give a precise answer to. There are ^{to which to give a precise answer} some people who like this ~~xxxxx~~ book, and some who don't, and it's difficult to know just what to say." And then, after starting that way, they'd go on, and they'd express themselves very definitely, although expressing the same ideas in other words; not saying, "I definitely agree with that," but practically saying the same thing as that said, and saying, "Well, if you'll simply take for instance the field of Shakespearean study, if ~~xxxxxx~~ you'll take the works = one Yale scholar wrote me, "If you'll take the books of ~~xxx~~ so-and-so, and he named ~~xxxxxx~~ ten recent Shakespearean scholars, read their articles/." Then he said, "Look at these ten from thirty years ago." "And ~~xxxx~~ ~~xxxx~~" he said, "immediately you see the ~~xxxx~~ tremendous difference in the approach that has taken place in these thirty years." ~~x~~ And after he started out with -- "Well, it's hard to give ~~xxxxxx~~ an answer he said, "This is a subject about which it's pretty hard to say something definite; it's ^a much better subject to sit and discuss over a cup of coffee than to try to write about." He ended up (concluded) with a very definite recognition of the fact that this change had taken place. So you see we do not have a great many clear, definite ~~xxxxxx~~ quotations that we can give from literary scholars saying that the method which is at the foundation of Pent.^o Crit.^o was widely accepted fifty years ago; today it is practically non-existent. We don't have many such statements; we do have a few. ~~xx~~ But we do have a whole change of attitude which is very easy to find evidence of, although the evidence is a little difficult to get a tight hold of. So you see ^{that} it is not a field in which we can simply say,