

THE GOLDEN AGE OF ENGLISH PROSE

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GOLDEN AGES OF LITERATURE

XIX. ADDISON AND THE AGE OF PROSE AND REASON.

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The age in which Joseph Addison stands as the representative literary man has been called the Augustan age, the classic age, the age of criticism, the age of prose and reason. No one of these names is without some explanation, though all of them point to the same general characteristics. The last name carries with it the judgment of the 19th century upon the writers of the 18th century and its endorsement of services; but it is a name which the 18th century would not have appreciated. The suggestion that Pope's epistolary essays were the chief of his good influence upon the prose style of succeeding generations would have been rejected with scorn. For it was especially with regard to the epistolary style that Addison was the standard by which all writers should be measured.

The present age dissents from this conclusion, not because it is not the Augustan age, but because it is not the Augustan age. It is a different age, and its standards are different. It is an age in which the standards by which all writers should be measured are different. It is an age in which the standards by which all writers should be measured are different.

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The poetry of the country was a perpetual school of the qualities requisite for a good prose, the qualities of regularity, uniformity, precision, balance. This may have been of no great service to English poetry, although to say that it has been of no service at all to say that the 18th century in no respect changed the conditions for English poetry, or that it has changed them for the worse, would be untrue. But it was undeniably of signal service to that which was the great want and work of the hour—English prose.

What made a good working prose indispensable to the 18th century was the fact that modern life had come in with all of its practical and intellectual interests. Scientific investigation had received a great impulse from the founding of the Royal Society in 1662. Inventions and discoveries in science followed one another rapidly. It was the time of Sir Isaac Newton, Boyle and Halley. Philosophy, like science, awaited the gift of popular education. The evolution of 1688 and 1689 made public opinion important, and party leaders sought the services of literary orators who could create it. Satire in prose or verse was the favorite instrument of writers who would bring about political changes or advance moral reforms. Nothing bears stronger testimony to the political character of the age than the prevalence of satire in the writings of Dryden, Addison, Swift and Pope. If satire adopts the garb of poetry, verse, its level is the prose level. The age was unimaginal; it lacked enthusiasm, moral earnestness and lofty faith; but its leaders were striving to make it an age of reason and reasonable pleasures. The age was itself upon its philosophy and common sense.

Of this age of prose and reason, covering the first half of the 18th century, Addison is the best representative. He is chosen rather than Swift or Pope because of his position in the literary world. His work is in prose, and it is in prose that he is most effective. His work is in prose, and it is in prose that he is most effective. His work is in prose, and it is in prose that he is most effective.

Note—This study will be concluded tomorrow. Graduate With High Honors. At the graduating exercises of the North Pacific Dental College held last night at the Assembly Hall, in the High School building, William Adolph Davidson received a special certificate in anaesthesia, as well as the highest honors of the college. Dr. Davidson, who graduated with high honors in the fall of 1898, had charge of the operative clinic of the Tacoma, Washington, Dental College all of last summer while yet a student, and was a practical man of years' experience when he took up the study. He was well versed in all branches of practical dentistry before entering the college. The manager of the New York Dental Parlor, Dr. Davidson has been employed for some time past, and his success last evening, said "Dr. Davidson is a marvel in his workmanship, and I am glad that he has graduated with such high honors. All of the professors speak so well of him, and he deserves it all. I never saw a faster and more accurate workman, and yet everything he does is done so easily and carefully. So far as I can learn he expects to remain with us right along. We all like him, and admire him on account of his skill. As a matter of fact we cannot afford to lose such a clever man. So I can assure you we will continue to be found at the New York Dental Parlor. If there were more dentists like Dr. Davidson there would be more people having dental work done."

cerning the relative sizes of Oregon and California. On a basis of 100,000 square miles to the former and 150,000 square miles to the latter, some in fact that California is only 33-1/3 per cent or one-third larger, whereas we maintain that in above number of square miles California is 50 per cent or one-half larger. Which is correct? H. J. MILLER.

Visitor at the Park School, addressing children of third grade—in this room there are 100 pupils; in Miss Smith's room there are 150 pupils. Now, how many per cent more are there in Miss Smith's room? Children, in chorus—Fifty per cent.

EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

Various New Industries Along the Columbia River.

The Columbia River Fishing Association, otherwise known as the "combine," has just completed the buildings necessary for a new salmon cannery at Rosster Rock. The main building is 62x20 feet



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set on piling, with a wing of nearly the same dimensions, resting on the riverbank. The association has just finished the construction of four new fishhouses which are situated at different points along the Columbia; but these it has two old wheels, and will run two gillnets. Operations will begin this week with the employment of 65 men, mostly Chinese.

New Planing Mill.

A new planing mill is just being completed at Latourel Falls by the Hatell Falls Lumber Company. It will have a capacity of 15,000 feet per day and will be used for dressing the lumber sawed from a spring taken from the sawmill to the planer by means of a flume, and when dressed will be piled alongside the O. R. & N. Co.'s railroad, ready for shipment to any part of the country.

Warrendale Cannery.

The Warrendale cannery, owned by T. J. McGowan & Sons, will begin operations on Wednesday of this week, with a full force. They will operate seven nets on the upper river between the Cascades and Corbett.

Gravity Waterworks.

The town of Latourel Falls is now supplied with pure spring water by a gravity system of works recently put in by Joseph Latourel. The water comes from a spring high up on the mountain and flows with great force. The charges are 50 cents for each faucet.

Sandy Road District.

Road Supervisor T. L. Evans has about 30 men at work on the county roads near and about the Sandy River. The river and the road are being widened, and graded, and several steep hills have been cut down. The Falls road will be graded from Springdale to Orange Hall, a distance of three miles, with gravel taken from the bed of the Sandy River. When the section is finished, there will be a good gravel road the entire distance from Portland, which is 22 miles. Much work is also being done in Ellensburg, further east, but the conditions are not so favorable there for good roads, as the country is very hilly and the timber heavy, which makes the roads very hard to work.

Horses From Grant County.

Several Eastern Oregon stockmen are located in different parts of the county with bands of range horses, which they are selling to the farmers here. About 50 head have been disposed of lately at Grant County, and are in excellent condition and make good farm horses.

Afire in Bed.

Mrs. Fred Crane, of Rockwood, was nearly suffocated in bed last Saturday morning. She had struck a match during the night, and in some way a spark ignited the bedclothes. Mrs. Crane went to sleep again without noticing the spark, and was only awakened by the fire which had burned a large hole in the quilts and blankets. She was uninjured, but was badly frightened.

Land Cases Settled.

In the case of the Eastern Oregon Land Company vs. 22 defendants in a suit for ejectment, the case was yesterday dismissed as to 17 defendants by Judge Bellinger, said defendants having effected a settlement with the company, and dismissed in five other cases were set for hearing two weeks hence. These defendants will probably also effect a settlement with the company.

The Lands in Question are in Grass Valley, Harney County, and were originally comprised in a grant to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The grant was forfeited, and the Eastern Oregon Land Company claimed title to the lands by virtue of a wagon road grant. The Land Department refused to acknowledge the title of the land company, and invited settlers to locate on the lands, and a considerable number of persons did so. The land company brought suit to eject the settlers, and the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the "overlap cases" gave the company the ownership of the lands in question. The settlers had nothing to do but make the best possible terms with the company, but they feel that they have not been well used by the Government.

Preparing for Conference.

Rev. N. Shupp, of Salem, presiding elder for the Portland district, Evangelical Association, is in the city making preparations for the coming annual Oregon conference, which will be held in the Christian Church May 11. There is much preliminary work to be done before the conference opens, and Mr. Shupp will be kept busy in his preparations. The Evangelical churches also will have their arrangements for the entertainment of the ministers and lay delegates who will attend. Bishop Bowman, who will preside at the

conference, is now in California holding a conference. He will be in Portland May 10 in time to open the conference the following morning.

EAST SIDE AFFAIRS.

Peculiar Case of Dementia—Other Matters.

The friends of Christian Schroeder, an old soldier of the Civil War and an East Side pioneer barber, who has a shop on Powell street, have found it necessary to send him to the Asylum for the Insane at Salem. He demands to be made a patient of the block in solid and high ground. On this are two cottages and the old brewery building. The west half is the low ground in the Asylum. It is the intention of the new owner to put up some cottages on the east half and some sort of a factory building on the west half. The character of the factory is not yet made public.

Block of Land Sold.

The block bounded by East Seventh and East Eighth, East Washington and East Stark streets, known as the old brewery property, has just been bought by Theodore S. Mott, president of the North-Western Pacific, Daniel S. Lamont, Edward D. Adams, and Charles W. Bunn were elected members of the board.

First Governor of Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—President Doole has been selected as the first Governor of Hawaii. The formal announcement will be made when the list of Hawaiian officials, to be appointed by the President, is complete.

SPRING MEDICINES

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Funeral of a Pioneer.

The funeral of Walter Croxon, pioneer of 1852 and a well-known resident of the city, took place yesterday afternoon from Dunning's undertaking parlors. Relatives and many friends were in attendance. Rev. H. W. Kellogg, pastor of Taylor-Street Church, conducted the services. In speaking of Mr. Croxon's affliction, he said his life had been that of a hero. For the past 22 years, Dr. Kellogg said, his courage had been paralyzed, and he had been compelled to sit helpless in his chair and watch the moving of events unable to take part in the activities so dear to a man of his ability. The enterprise he sought to put on foot languished for want of his management. Dr. Kellogg said that his life had indeed been a hard experience, but could hardly be understood by the active man. He could not join in the struggle in the endeavors and efforts of others. Dr. Kellogg spoke with much eloquence. At the close of the services, the remains were conveyed to Lone Fir Cemetery. The pall-bearers were Dr. Plummer, Reed, Kretzer and Stewart.

Funeral of E. A. Hofer.

The funeral of E. A. Hofer, the young man who died Monday evening, took place yesterday afternoon from the Third Presbyterian Church. There was a great profusion of white flowers, and many tributes were brought to the church by the friends of the young man. The most attractive piece was that from the Christian Endeavor Society, of which he had been an active and effective member. Dr. McLean, the pastor, conducted the services. The choir at the evening service "We Shall Meet, But We Shall Miss Him." The remarks of Dr. McLean were very touching, as he referred to the short life

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of the young man and the worthy example he had left, when so many young men are drifting into vice and sin every day. He had kept himself clean, noble and upright. His influence had always been on the right side. At the close of the services in the church, the casket, heaped high with the floral tributes, followed by the young men of the Christian Endeavor Society, was moved to the hearse. Lone Fir Cemetery was the place of interment.

aggravated by other disputes, led to the present war. The questions left open in 1894 are being settled now. The migration from Cape Colony to the Transvaal occupied 1857. The first organized public dated from January, 1852, and the first British protectorate from 1877.

NEW DIRECTORS OF ST. PAUL & DULUTH. ST. PAUL, Minn., May 1.—At a meeting of the directors of the St. Paul & Duluth, Charles S. Mott, president of the North-Western Pacific, Daniel S. Lamont, Edward D. Adams, and Charles W. Bunn were elected members of the board.

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