

LONGFELLOW.

A SKETCH OF THE POET'S LIFE.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow Died Yesterday in his eighty-fifth year.

On February 27, 1807, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born. The future poet, with an elder brother, was sent to Bowdoin college and graduated in due season in 1825, in the same class with Nathaniel Hawthorne and several others who afterward rose to eminence.

Longfellow cheerfully accepted the offer and immediately sailed for Europe, where he spent nearly four years in Germany, Italy, France, and Spain, fitting himself for the new duties open to him.

Longfellow returned to his native land in 1830, and in the five years that he remained at Bowdoin he contributed to the North American Review a series of historical and critical essays on the languages and literature of France, Italy and Spain.

Longfellow married Frances Elizabeth Appleton and in that year appeared the first of his works written in his new home - "Hyperion, a Romance."

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but that could usually be trusted to carry the reader's attention with it. The volume of poems in which "The Building of the Ship" was first appeared in 1850, and in the following year one of the most serious and elevated of all the poet's works, "The Golden Legend," a remarkable drama, wherein, as Mr. R. H. Stoddard has said, "he has not more closely into the temper of the monk, for good or for evil, than ever yet theological writer or historian, though they may have given their life's labor to the analysis."

Four years later followed "The Song of Hiawatha," one of the most daring of all his metrical departures, but one that was justified by the poetic dignity and beauty, one may almost say spirituality, with which he has treated this picturesque Indian myth.

Later works. "The Courtship of Miles Standish," a narrative poem of some interest, which showed, however, that the success of "Evangeline" could not be repeated; the "Tales of a Wayside Inn" and the "New England Tragedies" followed in order, but by this time the poet had become absorbed in the great work of his later life, and not all of his occasional verses showed the old spontaneity.

I read whatever books have come under my hand, and I was young and strong, and I was in England in 1868, when he was the recipient of numerous honors, but since that time he has lived quietly at Cambridge. Mrs. Longfellow died in 1861, from the effect of burns accidentally received, leaving two sons and three daughters.

Elizabeth Appleton and in that year appeared the first of his works written in his new home - "Hyperion, a Romance." Judging this work in the light of forty years ago, when Carlyle was a young man - when Goethe and Jean Paul had not been long dead, and when German life and letters were practically a sealed book to the average American reader, the importance of the speech of the romance and poetry of other ages and climes. First, "simultaneously with this came his first volume of collected poems, "Voices of the Night," published at Cambridge in 1839.

From this time on Mr. Longfellow's history is told in his successive volumes of poetry, for which the foundation had been laid in the studies thus related. With the exception of an essay on the French language in England, "Kavanaugh," a tale of no great value, written in 1849, is his only publication after this. In 1841 appeared a volume of "Ballads and other Poems," which marked a very great advance upon the small diatribe of the early verses. Among these were "The Skeleton in Armor," "The wreck of the Hesperus," and "The Village Blacksmith," three successful poems which even Poe acknowledged to be "nearly true."

The first especially is a bold and original ballad of real strength, and the last is one of those New England pictures that retain their beauty by reason of their sincerity. With these also was "Excelsior," the reason for whose extraordinary popularity it is not necessary to point out.

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At the same time the dactylic flow of "Evangeline" illustrates one of the most important elements of Longfellow's success, his sense of melody. His verse, while it is not always artistically exact, has always a natural ease, a graceful movement, that conveys the impression of great elevation of thought, even where the thought does not really rise very far from earth. And he had, besides, an unusual freedom of metrical expression, derived from his close study of foreign poetry, so that what we call metrical experiments were not really experiments with him. Once determined the measure that suited his subject, the verse flowed, and he was not aware of the fact that it was something more than an experiment in metre.

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