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Literature.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN FEMALE POETS.

Professor Coppée, of the University of Pennsylvania, is editor of "A Gallery of Distinguished English and American Poets," just published by E. H. Butler & Co., of this city, and justly entitled to be praised as the most beautiful gift-book of the season—perhaps we might more correctly say of many seasons. It is superbly bound in Turkey morocco, with gilt edges, is delicately printed upon tinted paper, and is richly illustrated with a hundred steel engravings, beautifully executed, chiefly from original designs by eminent artists. As these are separately impressed on the paper to accompany the letter-press, whereas wood-engravings are printed with the type, at one process, every sheet of this work has been printed *twice*, once at the engraver's and a second time by the printing press. This, which largely increases the cost of production, also greatly augments the beauty and value of the volume. Messrs. Butler & Co. are famous for their ornate books, but this appears to be their *chef d'œuvre*. The only work of a similar character worthy of being compared with it is the "Gallery of Famous English and American Poets," also edited by Mr. Coppée, and published, last year, by Messrs. Butler.

In ordinary cases a richly illustrated work of this description is chiefly looked at for the sake of the pictures. It would be treating Professor Coppée's Female Poets slightingly to dispose of the work in this manner. For, with great taste and good judgment, he has made a very fine selection and collection of the best poems by the female writers of England and America. He has drawn, very judiciously, upon fifty-six of these authors, commencing with Hannah More, Helen Maria Williams, Mrs. Barbauld, and Joanna Baillie, and ending with Grace Greenwood, Mrs. Ritchie, Elizabeth S. Swift, Caroline Lee Hentz, Clara Moore, and Julia McMasters. Over one hundred and fifty specimens of these writers are given.

In an extremely well-written Introduction, Professor Coppée gracefully discusses the character, object, and execution of the work—particularly eulogising, as indeed they deserve, the designs by the late Mr. Schmolze, of this city, which occupied his last working hours, and, independent of their great merit, are invested with a melancholy and touching interest. He then passes on to the consideration of Poetry, chiefly as it has been writ by Woman. With equal truth and delicacy of expressive criticism, he defines it thus: "Now, there was a time, when, to sing, meant to *improvise*; to open one's heart in one's own song; to warble joyous words to joyous notes; or to send out the soul's real present sorrow in such a wailing minor that it should shake the heart-strings of the hearer, as the wind-harp is tortured into sound by the surrounding night breezes. Then the thoughts and words were greater than the melody; this was but an adjunct to them. Just such is woman's poetry." From this he passes on to a consideration of the character of Woman, which he draws with fine discrimination—albeit the sketch is rather rose-tinted. Thence he proceeds to touch, lightly, upon the female poets from whom he has made up the book. There is some good glancing criticism in these brief notices. His opinions are generally correct, but we cannot agree with all of them. For example, when he says that "of all the poetesses whose names we have here inscribed, there is none more deserving of honorable mention than Mrs. Sarah J. Hale," whose very task-work, he add, "has been inspired by the power of an untrammelled genius." Opinions differ, of course, but we have never seen any cause, not even in the specimens given by Professor Coppée, to consider the lady as a *poet*—for making verses does not elevate one to this high rank. As we are nothing if not critical, we ask Professor Coppée on what authority he says that a certain work "is a *collectanum* of German lyrical devotion." The word which we have here italicised is neither English nor Latin, and the word "collection" would have expressed the idea. So good an English writer as Professor Coppée should not have made an unnecessary word; on the same principle, perhaps, he would substitute the mongrel *donate* for the Saxon *give*. This is only a mote on the sun, however, for his Introduction is a fine piece of English composition.

The engravings are very good. We wish that the portraits had been uniform in character. A few of the ladies represented ceased to be young many years ago, but we have them here as they appeared in their teens, long before their formed character had breathed the expression of mind into their features. We like in a portrait to see the face as intellect, and thought, and mental labor have made it. Mere young-lady faces of women who have since become renowned by their genius are not worth looking at. The female portraits of Joanna Baillie, Miss Mitford, Mary Howitt, Mrs. Norton, Miss Landon, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Sigourney, Mrs. Osgood, Mrs. Judson, Mrs. Hale, Margaret Fuller, Mrs. Botta, "Edith May," Mrs. Stephens, Miss Sedgwick, Alice B. Haven, Mrs. Hentz, are good resemblances.

The best of the engravings, and by far the greater number, represent miscellaneous subjects. The vignettes are especially charming. The artists are Schmolze, David Roberts, Hamilton, (the Stanfield of America,) Turner, Inman, Franklin, Buchanan Read, Scheussle, Huntington, Devereux, Warren, Radclyffe, Haydon, Landseer, Verboyck, Leutze, Hicks, Eastman, Banks, Sargeant, and a few more. The collection makes a beautiful picture-gallery, and the services of the best engravers have been here employed to reproduce, by the *burin*, some of the best productions of the best artists of America and England. Rarely have the sister arts, Painting and Poetry, been more felicitously combined to illustrate each other. The result is a volume which, while it may gracefully adorn the parlor-table, also possesses permanent literary value. We can imagine no more suitable gift-book for youth and beauty, and give it our most hearty commendation, as highly creditable in all respects to all who have combined taste, labor, and capital to produce it.

LIVES OF EMINENT PHILADELPHIANS.

Mr. Henry Simpson has collected, and Mr. William Brotherhead has just published, an octavo volume of nearly a thousand pages, illustrated with forty-four engravings, bearing the title of "The Lives of Eminent Philadelphians now deceased, collected from original and authentic sources." It is an important addition to our local literature—as a good design well executed. Several hands have contributed to build up this volume. Mr. Simpson acknowledges his obligations to Messrs. Horace Binney, Samuel Breck, Joseph R. Chandler, Henry D. Gilpin, Charles J. Biddle, P. P. Morris, Samuel Hood, Thomas L. Kane, Thomas Balch, C. B. Trego, and William Brotherhead, and Dr. W. Elder and others. Such a thing as uniformity or oneness of style is not to be looked for, of course, from such a large array of writers. Some memoirs, also, occupy more or less space than the general reader may think the subject entitled to. *Here*, we find a biography turning rather upon the era in which the man lived, than upon the man himself. *There*, on the contrary, we have a great deal of anecdote and personality. But the combination, to our taste, makes one of the merits of the work. Reading a thousand pages of biography, from one pen, would be nearly as monstrous and wearisome as the performance of a thousand miles of pedestrianism in a thousand successive hours. Variety of style and treatment, in a cyclopædic volume like this, is agreeable, because it gives relief to the reader. Each biographer, no doubt, would treat of a person of whom he had more or less personal knowledge, or in the case of persons long since departed, with whose mind his own idiosyncracy had some degree of correspondence. He who wrote the life of William Penn, in this book, would probably not so well have written the biography of Dr. Chapman, and *vice versâ*. The variety of writers, then, is an advantage. It certainly has made this volume very readable.

There are nearly four hundred separate biographies in this book. The arrangement is alphabetical, which creates a convenience of reference. It would have been well had there been a second table of contents with the names of the subjects placed in chronological order. The want of this is the only serious charge we have to make against the book.

The fine catholic spirit which selected the subjects for biography is to be commended. Mr. Simpson has by no means limited himself to what is called "the higher ranks of life," but has gone abroad, among the departed worthies of Philadelphia, and without restriction of position or sex has given notices of those best deserving. While William Penn, William Hudson, Stephen Decatur, Captain John Barry, Charles Macalester, Bishop Hobart, Bishop White, Benjamin Franklin, Judge Bouvier, Robert Morris, Richard Rush, and others of equally high standing are duly chronicled here, Patrick Lyon, the blacksmith, whose life is a romance, and others of position not much higher, are duly noticed. Mr. Simpson thinks with Pope that "*Worth* makes the man."

Another merit of this work is its being brought down to the present time. Not only have we memoirs of Edward D. Ingraham, who died in 1854, of Dr. Kane, who died in 1857, and of Robert Walsh and Judges Kane and Conrad, who died last year, but we find a most interesting biography, extending over eleven pages, of Richard Rush, who departed, full of years and honors, so recently as the 30th of July, in the present year. This is a characteristic of the work, which much enhances its value. The biographies properly commence at the beginning, with Penn and the other most noted settlers. A history of the city of Philadelphia, from its foundation, might almost be written from this volume of biography: we do not mean a history of its streets and alleys, its bricks and mortar, but of its social progress.

We have lastly to notice the illustrations, consisting of forty-four portraits, well-executed, for the most part, by Messrs. John and Samuel Sartain. These give much additional interest to the book. It is to be regretted that the portraits of William Bartram, William Bradford, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Pilmore, here given, are from old and worn plates. They destroy the uniformity of the illustrations.

We take leave of this literary and pictorial Walhalla to the departed Worthies of Philadelphia, with sincere thanks to Mr. Simpson and Mr. Brotherhead for having produced such a work. Its value will increase with years. The price charged for it ($7.50) will just cover the cost, if the whole impression, which is limited, be disposed of. This is one of the cases in which the labor must be its own reward.

Letter from New York.

THE DEMOCRATIC MAYORALTY NOMINATION: ITS POPULARITY WITH THE OPPOSITION AND NEUTRAL PRESS—THE NEW ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL—PAUPERISM: NEW YORK AHEAD OF IRELAND—CHURCH ON A FRESH PICTURE—OPERATIC GOSSIP.

[Correspondence of The Press.]

NEW YORK, Nov. 22, 1859.

It is a noticeable evidence of the high personal character of Mr. Havemeyer, the Democratic candidate for Mayor, that the Evening *Post*, the ablest, most independent, and John Brownieest of all the Republican journals, should heartily endorse the nomination, as one "fit to be made." It says:

"Mr. Havemeyer is an upright, intelligent, experienced man, who, if he should be elected, will discharge the duties of the mayoralty with honor to himself and to the city. He has this special recommendation, apart from his personal worth: that he has twice held the office before, performing the functions, on both occasions, with decision and energy; and when he delivered up his trust, without a whisper against the purity of his official conduct, he might easily have been re-elected. Within New York have nearly a million of people, and hundreds of millions of property to be more or less affected by the character of our Chief Magistrate. It is of the last importance to us to have good men in place, whatever their politics in other respects. Our government is nearly swamped with debt. Bruisers, blackguards, and peculators are appointed to high functions. Office is regarded as a simple instrument of peculation, and the most corrupt practices are indulged in with impunity. Let us, then, have men in the most responsible positions who will try to put a stop to these iniquities; who will not steal themselves, nor allow others to steal; who will not collude with criminals, and who will enforce the laws, whatever the consequences.

"Mr. Havemeyer, we hold, is such a man, and we should be glad to know that he has accepted the nomination, and to see him elected. We fear, however, that Mr. Havemeyer will not consent to accept the nomination. He does not appear to have been consulted in regard to it previous to the meeting of the Convention on Saturday, and at the time we write had not signified his acquiescence in the result. It is to be hoped that he will regard the interests of the city rather than his personal convenience in his conclusion. But if he will not accept, it will then remain for the Republican Convention, which meets this evening, to bring into the field a man of Mr. Havemeyer's standing and capacity, and about whom the same classes may rally."

The warmth with which the *Post* eulogises Mr. Havemeyer is not above his deserts. He *has* accepted the nomination, and already the tide of public opinion has set in with a flood so resistless as to leave his election a matter beyond all peradventure. The *Commercial Advertiser*, *Express*, *Times*, and *Sun*, speak of the nomination in highly commendatory terms.

In the window of Dunigan & Brother's bookstore, in Broadway, has been placed a handsomely-drawn elevation of the new St. Patrick's Cathedral, the corner-stone of which was laid, with high ceremonial, in August last year. When completed, it will be altogether the largest, costliest, and most splendid church edifice in the Union. The plan is a Latin cross, 323 feet long by 175 feet wide, fronting on Fifth avenue. The rock on which the superstructure is to rest having been levelled and the foundation completed, the towers and south transept have been commenced and run up several feet. At the time the corner-stone was laid, Archbishop Hughes announced that one hundred gentlemen had contributed one thousand dollars each towards the building; making, from that source alone, the respectable aggregate of one hundred thousand dollars.

A splendid depot for poor people—"people in indignant circumstances," as dame Partington calls them—is this city of New York. From a recent report of the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, it appears that the number of city paupers relieved and supported during the year ending December 1, 1858, was 130,150, being about one-seventh of the population, and an increase over the preceding year of 37,011, involving a public expenditure of half a million of dollars. The commitments for crime, during the same period, numbered 35,172, which was an increase of more than twenty-five per cent. over the preceding year, at an outlay of more than $300,000—making the annual cost to our tax-payers, for pauperism and crime, about $800,000 for the last twelve months. In the last annual report of the Secretary of State occurs the following statement relative to the proportion of paupers to population, abroad and at home:

	Population.	Paupers.
England and Wales	19,045,000	885,000
Scotland	3,035,000	115,212
Ireland	6,500,000	56,000
New York State	3,500,000	261,155

In other words, the pauperism of England and Wales was in the ratio of *four and six-tenths per cent.* of the whole population; in Scotland, *three and nine-tenths per cent.*; in Ireland, about *nine-tenths of one per cent.*; while in the great State of New York, which is foremost in population, enterprise, and resources, the ratio is *seven and four-tenths per cent.* Making the most liberal allowance for hypothetical inaccuracies in our State statistics—for the figures assumed are less than the returns would justify—and we are confronted with the appalling fact, that the pauperism in this State is come five per cent. in advance of that in Ireland; that is to say, there are, according to the ratios of population, five paupers in this State to one in that country.

Church, the artist, is making another of his marvellous views of the rich scenery of the tropics—a picture of one of the South American volcanoes.

Thanksgiving Day will be a sort of carnival at the houses do amusement. At the Academy of Music there will be a matinée, at which, in addition to the regular corps of artists, Madame Anna Bishop will sing selections, in costume, from Tancredi and Norma. In the evening Adelina Patti makes her debut on the operatic stage as *Lucia*, supported by Brignoli and Forri. Not only may Young America be expected to turn out en masse on that occasion, as a matter of gallantry, but the hundreds who admired her as "little Patti," and the many attached friends of Mrs. Strakosch, (her sister,) and Mr. Strakosch, will scarce keep away from a debut so replete with interest.

JOHN MORRISSEY IN CUSTODY AT BUFFALO.—The Buffalo *Courier*, November 21, says: "Deputy Sheriff Tyler was in Buffalo on Saturday, having Morrissey in custody, we are informed on good authority. We do not know whether any others of the price-fighters have been brought on or not."

PULPIT PORTRAITS—No. IV.

REV. JAMES RYDER, D. D.

BY GRAYBEARD.

The Rev. James Ryder, D. D., was born in Dublin in the year 1800; came to America a youth, and soon after entered Georgetown College, an institution with which he has at intervals been officially connected during a large portion of his life. In 1815 he entered among the Jesuits, as a novice of the order, and during the ensuing five years prosecuted his philosophical studies in the college above referred to. In 1820 he went to Rome, where, for five years, he was occupied in the study of theology. It was during this period that he made his defence of all theology in the Roman College. After his ordination, in 1825, he was appointed a teacher of Theology and Sacred Scripture in the College of Spoleto, where the present Pope was then Archbishop. At the close of three years he resigned this position, and returned to America. The ripened attainments which he had acquired during his absence rendered his presence at Georgetown desirable, and he accordingly entered the college a second time, not as a pupil, but as a teacher of Theology and Philosophy.

He was soon after appointed to the vice-presidency of the college, which position he held for several years, having twice visited Philadelphia during the interval, and spent some time here in a pastoral relation. It was upon one of these occasions that he attended the laying of the corner-stone of St. John's (Catholic) Church, Thirteenth street, above Chestnut. It may here be observed that, notwithstanding the fears then entertained of this enterprise being of an unwarrantable magnitude, there have, since the erection of that edifice, no less than six other churches sprung from it.

With regard to Father Ryder's claim to the title of D. D., it may not be generally known that all Professed Jesuits are acknowledged on the continent of