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Works, Genius, and Character

WITH AN

APPRECIATION

OF VOLTAIRE

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AND A PORTRAIT STUDY IN PHOTOGRAVURE

"He goes to the bottom of every subject, while he only seems to skim the surface."

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Custom dulls our perceptions of the ludicrous, as the conventionalities of our familiar speech and manners prove. It is responsible for graver offenses than that of enslaving us to harmless absurdities. It has lent a make-believe verity to many a deeprooted delusion, and fixed rose-tinted spectacles on eves that have never since tried to see the truth in plain daylight. Most of us whose mother tongue is English were brought up in the vague belief that Cowper's "brilliant Frenchman," Voltaire, was an atheist. In our mildest moods he was at best an Pious custom, well-meaning in its good "infidel." old grandmotherly way, deemed it right and wise to administer this sort of soporific so liberally that the average lifetime might glide away without our awakening sufficiently to see that the only "infidels" are those who, professing a belief, become secretly unfaithful to it. This absurd, or heinous. infidelity is more apparent in those who wear the livery and accept the wages of an established profession, whose instructions they evade or defy, yet do not resign.

To this powerful source we owe the curious fact that four generations of enlightened American and British people have grown up in less pardonable ignorance than that of Christianized heathen tribes. respecting the character and motives, the philosophical, philanthropic, and literary life-work of Voltaire. Strange indeed that the vast power of the Church in its myriad manifestations should have spent itself these hundred and fifty years in showing bitter intolerance, and inspiring its very children with intolerance, against the greatest Apostle of Toleration known to these generations, the like of whom the Church cannot point to within its pale, unless it rashly names that universally revered Martvr to churchly intolerance, who neither founded, nor drew up a creed for, the once despotic organization that used His name as its phylactery.

Champions and martyrs have never been lacking on the side of intellectual liberty against dogmatic theology and its resultant intolerance of free thinking and plain speaking. But the philosophic temper is averse to the fighting methods which delight the multitude. It views with smiling disdain the encounters between belligerents ill equipped with the kind of weapons that strike deep and deal mortal blows unperceived by the spectators. Perhaps the scholar has not even yet received his due for the quiet but tremendous upheaval he has wrought in the siege of the mediæval fortress of ignorance. Erasmus is even yet virtually unknown to those who all but deify his boisterous out-door workman, Luther.

There has been no champion but Voltaire who has combined the qualities of the philosopher with those of the agile master of the fencing art, who has played so lightly around his adversary while serving such subtle thrusts as are possible only to men of the profoundest learning. He is a phenomenon among ordinary mortals in the variety and solidity of his gifts and accomplishments, but more conspicuously so in this-that a man so overwhelmed with the honors, the rewards, the intoxicating delights of the gav world in which empresses, kings, the famous men of Europe, were his flattering friends, and the people of Paris, adorers of his wit and dramas, should at the same time be the most powerful advocate of the rights of the weak poor against oppressive kings and prelates.

This amazing duality of character is matched by the versatility of resources which enabled him at any moment to cross swords with a dozen opponents, coming at him from different points with different weapons, and to leave them floundering.

Before examining the evidence it is well to trace the influences that developed Voltaire's character. Chief among these influences was the nearly three years' visit he paid to England. Intolerance it was that caused that fortunate experience. He had been consigned to the Bastille a second time, and was freed on his promise of self-expatriation. Voltaire must himself be consulted to get a full understanding of the impression made on him by the sight of a people happy under laws which secured them liberty of religion, of thought, and speech. Less

liberty than we are supposed to enjoy to-day, no doubt, but perhaps as much as they could safely stand in those days, and at any rate beyond the dreams of the French.

In Volume XIX, PART II, and frequently through the others, Voltaire shows that he had seen a great light, and having kindled his torch he was resolved to spread it in his own darker land. His characteristic thoroughness is to the fore here as everywhere. So famous was his name, even in a country bigoted against everything French, that, though not yet thirty-three, he was enthusiastically welcomed by the intellectual ranks. We can hardly realize the weight of England's tribute to Voltaire's genius and character implied in the bare statement that he won the friendship of Alexander Pope, a Catholic; Dean Swift; Young, the poet; Lord Chesterfield; the Duchess of Marlborough; James Thomson, the poet; Lord Bolingbroke, Oliver Goldsmith, Gay, Bubb Dodington, Congreve, Sir Everard Falkener, and many equally gifted. These names stand for social eminence, and much more than that. Isaac Newton had Voltaire as a true mourner at his funeral, and as a life-long disciple who translated and expounded the Newtonian philosophy for the French, and to him the English owe the story of the falling apple that started Newton on his famous discovery. Voltaire was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Advancement of Science, the highest honor of its kind then and now, conferred for substantial service.

This experience was the turning point of his great

eareer. He had mastered the language, and wrote essays and verses in it, within a year. He absorbed the spirit which, despite a thousand drawbacks, has bred in that people a broader conception of true liberty and has inspired them with a deeper reverence for the laws which secure it than is everywhere to be found. When he returned to France there set a foot on its shore which from that hour knew no rest while a mission of practical sympathy was possible to the oppressed, or an abuse of power could be kicked and trampled down.

Two conspicuous traits of character must impress the most superficial reader. Voltaire was, in literally every sense of a word sadly weakened by daily misuse, a great writer, great in depth, force, brilliance, variety, breadth of knowledge, and great too. in quantity. But he was also great as a man of affairs, man of the world, the world of Paris and European courts. Something stronger than what we call genius is required to sustain this dual rôle. Our geniuses have generally lost in backbone what they gained in their brainpans. Voltaire undoubtedly excelled in the courtier knack of making profound obeisances to royalties, an accomplishment we of this plainer age view much as we might the fitness of a giant for curtseying to a midget. But the backbone was there, ever erect when defiance became its dignity better than pliability, and, for so attenuated a physique, the might of his right arm was astounding to the obese creatures of corruption who reeled under its blows.

Whenever we think of Voltaire as the writer of

the brightest epigrammatic prose, we should remind ourselves that he is the same man as the pleader for Toleration, who felt he was criminal if a smile escaped him during those years of relentless determination to extort public justice and reparation for the fatal torturing of the innocent Calas. When we lose ourselves in delight over his piercing raillery of his dumbstruck priestly victims, we must remember he is also the grave discourser upon the profundities of philosophers like Descartes, Newton, Locke, and the rest as far back as Aristotle and Plato, their equal in keenness of logic, their superior in giving it lucid expression. And while we bow our minds in presence of the Voltaire of the "Dictionary," the "Essays" and "Studies," let us not forget that it is the same Voltaire whose tragedies and comedies and droll tales were the delight of more countries than his own. And as we pause to realize the full stature of one whose perfect mental proportions tend to blind us to the heroic measure of each, we should make the effort to view him in his workaday clothes, the shrewd, enterprising business man, who turned his hand to many undertakings, toiled at them persistently, and prospered as he deserved. All this in the workshop, the weaving mill, the chemical laboratory, the counting room, while part of each day for sixty years he was also the scholar and teacher, poet and polemic, in his library; the centre of social brilliance in the afternoon garden fêtes; the glory of the dazzling salon in the evenings. Was ever so thin a mortal compounded of so many distinct individualities!

Now let us see some of his achievements. In a day and a continent where industry and trade were regarded with scorn by the aristocracy, Voltaire by his pen and personal example put an end to that suicidal delusion. His letters from England show how strongly he was impressed with her commercial supremacy. He commends her example to his countrymen. Note the pithy literary quality of his short study of this feature [xix, p ii, 16]. The English alone had passed from feudalism to the stable footing of a commercial nation. Their genius for trade made them great. Their common sense welcomed the younger nobility and men of learned professions in the ranks of trade. How different in Germany and France, says he. "It appears monstrous to a German, whose head is full of the coats of arms and pageants of his family. . . . I have known more than thirty Highnesses of the same name, whose whole fortunes and estate put together amounted to a few coats of arms, and the starving pride they inherited from their ancestors."

Again, coming nearer home: "In France everybody is a marquis; and a man just come from obscurity, with money in his pocket and a name that ends with 'ac' or 'ille' may give himself airs . . . and hold merchants in the most sovereign contempt. . . . I will not, however, take upon me to say which is the most useful to his country, and which of the two ought to have the preference; whether the powdered lord, who knows to a minute when the king rises or goes to bed, perhaps to the bathroom, and who gives himself airs of importance in

playing the part of a slave in the ante-chamber of some minister; or the merchant, who enriches his country, and from his counting house sends his orders into Surat or Cairo, thereby contributing to the happiness and convenience of human nature." Voltaire was a benefactor to his country in sound teachings upon practical subjects. Now that merchants are revelling in the zenith of power they may profitably ponder upon the stagnancy from which he aroused his people by his vindication of the dignity of commerce. By a happy balance of favors Voltaire it was who introduced the first company of French actors to the English stage.

How much nineteenth century thought owes of its clearness and force to Voltaire's eighteenth century labors, can hardly be estimated, and can never be over-estimated. The "Higher criticism," of which we hear so much that means so little, stoops lower than its self-respect should permit in concealing its indebtedness to this pioneer of criticism at its highest, boldest, and deadliest. Voltaire set the pace and quality when prison, ignominious burnings of his work by the hangman, and peril of torture or death were the rewards, rather less alluring than the cushioned professorships and publishers' cheques which now crowd the safe field with mediocrities, where the knight of valor fought alone.

Agnosticism finds its most distinguished ancestor and propagandist in Voltaire. Metaphysical reasoners and philosophic doubters will see their favorite original notions threshed out in the "Dictionary" essays and papers in other volumes. Many a "brilliant" essayist, novelist, major and minor poet, in more lands than one, has dug in the Voltaire mine for gems of fancy and phrase, still recognisable by experts despite the ingenious cutting. Voltaire was compassionate to quacks of every kind so long as they were harmless. "The unhappy class who write in order to live" is one kind. "Can there be greater quackery than the substitution of words for things, or a wish to make others believe what we do not believe ourselves?" This refers to a class who speak more than they read, and read more than they reflect.

A word for these times in which we live was spoken by Voltaire in his Address to the French Academy on his reception to membership. "When commerce is in a few hands, some people make prodigious fortunes while the greater number remain poor; but when commerce is more widely diffused, wealth becomes general, and great fortunes rare." For an unsurpassable example of mingled wit, wisdom, scholarship, and delicious candor in mordant criticism, read the "Discourse to the Welsh," [xix, p. i, 89] in which excessive national vanity, in France and elsewhere, is tickled with a jewelled rapier.

"Ecclesiastics are not the Church." It was against this man-made ecclesiasticism, and not against pure religion, that Voltaire flung his destructive thunderbombs. In their impious assumption of Godlike prerogatives these tonsured mummers vengefully dubbed him "atheist," as Socrates was branded for holding to his belief in one supreme deity. As well

might we charge Washington with "atheism." Bishop White, the Father of the Protestant Episcopal Church in America, and Washington's pastor, testified in writing his doubt whether that noble man was "a believer in the Christian revelation" further than being an attendant at services but never a communicant. How far from atheism was Voltaire's reverent faith and practice is shown in every writing and act. "I repeat my Pater and Credo every morning." "I believe in a general Providence, which has laid down from all eternity the law which governs all things, like light from the sun." "The eves have mathematical relations so evident, so demonstrable, so admirable, with the rays of light: this mechanism is so divine, that I should be tempted to take for the delirium of a high fever, the audacity of denving the final causes of their structure." The Fathers of the early church built up the creed bit by bit I in passing, note that popular knowledge of Holy Writ as a guide book to heaven has never grasped it as a whole; it has been a scrap-book of bits of the Bible only], and laid great stress on its authenticity, and on the point of faith that the saints who arose at the death of Jesus, died again to rise with Him a second time. "The fact is, says the pioneer scholar-critic, and his statement is endorsed by our foremost orthodox scholars] that no person heard anything of this creed [as it now runs] for over three hundred years. People also say that Paris was not made in a day, and people are often right in their proverbs. . . . All these opinions are absolutely foreign to morality. We must be

good men, whether the saints were raised once or twice."

Still, due deference should be paid to authority, especially when it gives ocular demonstration of its superior sources of knowledge. "I have no doubt that Pope Leo I. was accompanied by an angel, armed with a flaming sword, which made the king of the Huns tremble. . . . This miracle is very finely painted in the Vatican, and nothing can be clearer than that it never would have been painted unless it had actually been true."

Immense labor went into the making of his Histories. Considering the period, and the pressure of his many occupations, it is nothing short of marvelous that Voltaire was able to ransack the chronicles of older historians, the traditions that are scattered through general writings, the private memoranda and letters of scholars, not to count the personal interviews in which he extracted so much of fact and valuable side light, for the purpose of making his own records truthful. It is well worth while to turn to the passages in which he distinguishes himself, or, rather, his method and purpose, from those of perfunctory narrators of events. He pitched the keynote from which the ablest historians of our time have taken their own, that of helping the reader to look through the smoke of battles to the fate of the plain people who suffered so grievously by the quarrels of kings.

And what exquisite simplicity marks every page. We may smile at an eighteenth century Frenchman's astonishment at Shakespeare's coarseness, and the

interesting criticisms upon his dramatic deficiencies. Even Oliver Goldsmith demolished Hamlet's soliloguy with his logic-chopping axe, a weapon he probably borrowed from Voltaire. The author of "Mérope" and "Zaire" expressly declares, again and again, his view that, at least in the supreme crises, the language should be of the simplest, as in those moments the briefest ejaculations only are natural. There is force in this, but not enough to move us to wish the lines of Hamlet and Othello were prosy. Spots on the sun do not lessen its glory, and if Voltaire cared not, if he could, to soar with the lark that sings at heaven's gate, he stands firm on the green earth as the clearest expresser of penetrating and luminous thought among writers, and he never speaks but with wisdom higher than knowledge, and with motives whose beneficence surpasses even the sparkle of their expression.

A study of these pages will assist in the pleasing duty of doing tardy justice to one of the world's most gifted and powerful intellects. They shed needed light on a man whose character, genius, and far-reaching work have been obscured, but could never be extinguished by the foes of truth-speaking.

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NOTE ON THE INDEX

At first sight the making of an index appears to be a merely mechanical piece of work. So it often is, but it may be much more than this. By way of illustration it may be permissible to mention an elaborate index made by the present writer for a ten volume historical work, of which the publishers say in their prospectus that its original plan and thoroughness make it "worth in itself many times the cost of the entire series of books." This Voltaire index has also been constructed with the intention of making it interesting and valuable in itself, independently of the volumes to which it is a guide.

The editor of a voluminous author has obviously many advantages over an index-maker not previously familiar with the writings and characteristics of his hero. Mr. Percy Fitzgerald may be quoted on this. In his prefatory note to the index he made for his famous edition of Boswell's Life of Dr. Johnson, he says: "No proper or sufficient index can be made vicariously; it requires a "thorough acquaintance with the book treated, so "as to anticipate by a sort of instinct what topics "the reader would desire to search for. Indexes "are generally too minutely elaborate, too meagre, "or too indefinite."

How easy it would have been to have filled two or three volumes with the usual index matter can be seen in the fact that Voltaire's pen was never at rest for sixty-three years, and no writer treated so vast a variety of topics. How difficult it has actually been to make selections that shall be equally fair to author and reader, must be left for the user of this index to discern and appraise.

The aim has been to simplify, and in the readiest way provide clues to the innumerable long and short utterances of Voltaire upon subjects treated from every point of view and in every mood. Recurring as he did to the same topics at different periods, with new side lights from intervening occurrences or continued study, he necessarily covers the same ground, though usually with a different gait. To make an index entry of each of these virtual repetitions would cumber every page and weary the reader. And the multiplication of crossreferences is no less an offense to the reader's intelligence. These entries are therefore economized. the main clues being liberally given, leaving the reader the pleasure akin to that of intellectual sport in following the various trails in this and that direction where there seems promise of a "find." He may be quite sure of catching something fully as worthy of his hunt as the particular quarry he started after.

Again, there have been occasions when it would have actually broken the continuity of a subject's treatment if the alphabetical or chronological order had been adhered to. Exceptions are often

more practically valuable than rigidity of rule, and for the liberties so taken no apologies are offered except that of common sense. The reader will find that his interests have been given precedence over the fads of pedants.

As Voltaire has for so long been virtually unknown to the public at large, one aim of this index is to open wide the doors of an armory, whose array of weapons includes every kind ever used in warfare, and every one, small and large, still gleams with its original brightness, mellowed with the trophy-marks of the good work it has done. These simple-looking index items, rightly viewed, are in one aspect the battle roll of a stupendous, single-handed, life-long fight by a brave truth-lover against a Juggernaut truth-crusher; and in another aspect they form a crown of evergreen laurel leaves, with which a somewhat forgetful generation is prone to crown its own brow.

Voltaire is here made to portray himself. This aims to be an index, through his works, of the man. For this reason there have been scattered through the ordinary entries examples of his literary style and play of thought. Epigrammatic sentences, passages from essays, dramas, and poems, give life to the dry bones of index matter and will prove as readable as many of the anthologies and "elegant extracts" now so popular, with this distinction, that here we have the utterances of a plain speaker in the days when plain speech meant peril of life and liberty. Voltaire's piercing

epigrams earned for him the nowadays rarely attainable honors of imprisonment and exile.

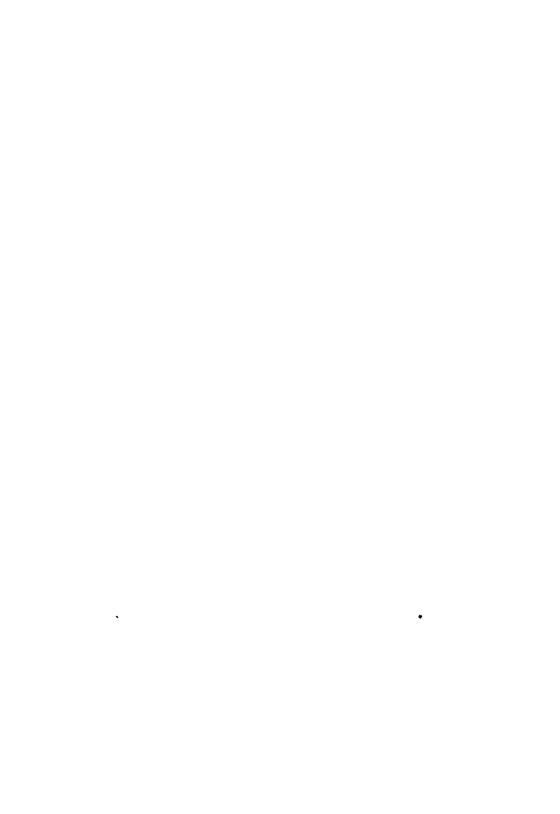
If here and there the index item does not literally correspond with the text it is because the brilliance or pungency of Voltairean French can be more effectively reproduced by a paraphrase or a short cut than in the literal translation, and for this offense the result is pleaded in mitigation. Literary expression has changed, as well as incidentals which make eighteenth century allusions obscure or obsolete, and this is particularly the case in renderings of the old verse. A lenient judgment is anticipated from the Shade of Voltaire, as he recalls his own dicta upon this delicate question, and turns at our suggestion to his own translation of Hamlet's soliloquy.

The key-words to the epigrams are, of course, not Voltaire's. They are chosen sometimes as mere titles, again as side lights, and again as provocatives for deeper thought. It can scarcely be necessary to add that Voltaire is not to be held responsible for all the expressions he puts into the mouths of his dramatic characters.

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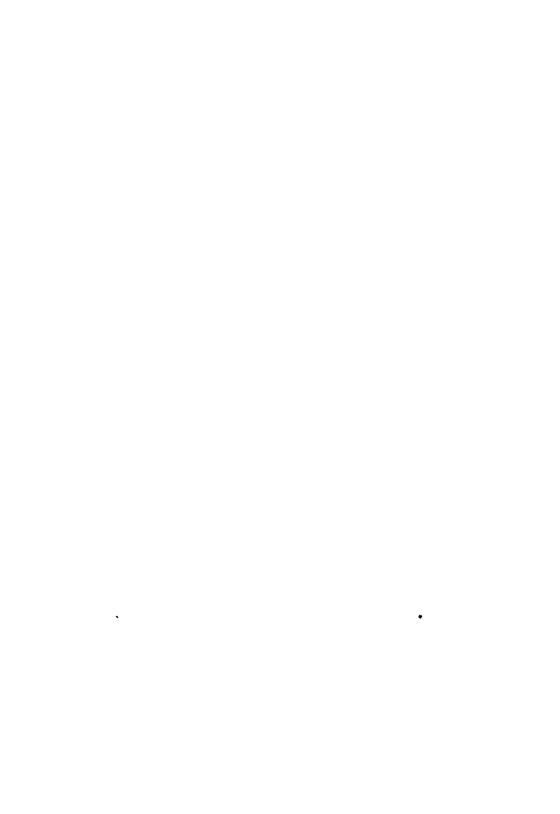
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And not from birth"

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-The Prude, ix, p. ii, 235.

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— The Prodigal, x, p. i, 146.

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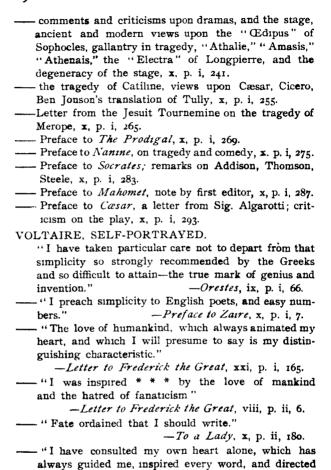
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- "All I can boast of is that the piece is tolerably sim-

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- ple; a perfection, in my opinion, that is not to be despised." -Preface to Zaire, x, p. i, 6.
- "Readers should always distinguish between the objections which an author proposes to himself and his answers to those objections, and should not mistake what he refutes for what he adopts"
 - -Preface to Lisbon Earthquake, x, p. ii. 7.
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 - -Socrates, viii, p. ii, 304.
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 - -Socrates, viii, p. ii, 305.
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