

Homer's Autograph Preface (1) ~~2~~

~~himself as a great teacher and~~
~~expressed and exemplified the truth of his~~
~~teaching by the truth and virtue of his~~
~~private life and government.~~ ~~Yet~~ ^{the great} Alfred was
ten ^{He had} three years old before he could read,
~~and he was then~~ ~~taught~~ ~~to~~ ~~learn~~ ~~by~~
~~his mother.~~ ~~She~~ ~~had~~ ~~admired~~ ~~a~~ ~~family~~ ~~treasure~~
~~the~~ ~~old~~ ~~book~~ ~~of~~ ~~Saxon~~ ~~poetry~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~
~~mother's~~ ~~hands,~~ ~~and~~ ~~she~~ ~~allured~~ ~~him~~ ~~to~~
~~learn~~ ~~by~~ ~~promising~~ ~~him~~ ~~the~~ ~~splendid~~
~~volume~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~reward:~~ ^{from that} ~~poem~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~loved~~
~~he~~ ~~could~~ ~~not~~ ~~imagine~~ ~~himself~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~room.~~ ~~and~~ ~~was~~ ~~never~~ ~~without~~ ~~a~~ ~~book~~
~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~room.~~ ~~Upon~~ ^{the} ~~visions~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~Danes~~
~~into~~ ~~England~~ ~~he~~ ~~retreated~~ ~~for~~ ~~safety~~
~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~forests~~ ~~to~~ ~~find~~ ~~for~~ ~~safety,~~ ~~and~~ ~~lived~~ ~~by~~

From that hour he ^{diligently} sought to improve
 himself, and, in ^{the way,} ~~that~~ simple age built
 up his mind ~~with~~ ^{so} strongly, and to so
 and applied its powers so ^{temporarily} to his kingdom
 high that no ~~successor~~ ^{successor} monarch of the
~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} years since his ~~reign~~ ^{reign} is

~~remembered with equal~~ ^{has acquired}
~~has attained to be~~ ^{called} like ~~him~~ ^{the great}.
~~In the early part of his reign,~~ ^{when overthrown by}
~~enemies he retreated for safety to remote wastes~~
~~and forests.~~ ^{In the great the found his}

He always carried a book in his bosom, and
~~in the midst of the~~ ^{amidst the} great business &
~~snatched moments of leisure to read.~~ ^{In the early part of his reign,}
~~he was & set back~~ ^{accepted himself} ~~by enemies he retreated for safety~~
~~to remote wastes & forests~~

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* Cast from the pedestal of pride by shocks
which Nature gently gave, in words & facts.
Irritated & vanquished by foreign
competitors to fly for personal safety, retreated
into alone, into remote ~~for~~ wastes and forests: ^{to} "learning to

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~~fishing for the blood hunting, ~~the~~~~
 "learning policy from adversity, and
 gathering courage from misery," ~~the~~ ^{for these}
~~solitudes of woods~~
~~more without a book in his bosom~~

~~Cast from the pedestal of pride by strokes~~
~~which Nature gently gave, in words and facts,~~
 when living things, and things inanimate
 Do speak, at Heaven's command, to eye & ear,
 And speak to social seasons' inner sense,
 In articulate language.

— For the man,
 who, in this spirit, commens with the forms
 of Nature, who, with understanding heart,
 Both know & love, such objects as excite
 No morbid passions, no disquietude,
 No vengeance, no hatred, needs must feel
 The joy of ~~that~~ ^{the} pure principle of Love
 so deeply, that, unsatisfied with aught
 less pure and exquisite, he cannot choose
 But ~~see~~ ^{suck} for objects of a kinder love
 In fellow nature, and a kinder joy, at

— Contemplating these forms
 In the relation which they bear to man,
 We shall discern, how, through the various means
 which identify them with, are multiplied
 The spiritual presences of absent things,
 Conveyed by knowledge; How his delight
 Still ready to obey the gentle call. —

~~So bound except the being that we are~~

Thus I copy drinking - in the Soul of Things
 We shall be in our power; and while inspired
 By choice, and conscious that the ^{will} ~~will~~ is free,
 Unmoving shall we move, as if impelled
 By strict necessity, along the path
 of Order and of Good. Whate'er we see,
 Whate'er we feel, by agency direct
 or indirect shall ~~lead~~ tend to find & nurse
 Our faculties, shall fix in calmer seats
 of moral strength & raise to loftier heights
 of love divine, over intellectual soul.

~~Wrote said the function of his rule upon~~
~~the beginning of legislation. He said "The English~~

^{became our}
 Alfred ~~was a~~ patriot king & greatest
 legislator, and preeminently ^{our} ~~the~~ patriot-king:
 for whom he had secured the independence of the
 people, he ~~secured their liberty~~ ^{and he} ~~established~~ ~~provided~~
~~for~~ ~~security~~ ~~for~~ ~~life~~ & ~~property~~ ~~by~~ ~~just~~ ~~laws~~
 nation, he ~~renovated~~ ~~its~~ ~~laws~~ and ~~enforced~~ ^{rigidly} ~~the~~

~~strict & impartial~~
~~laws~~ administration of justice; renovated the
 energies of ^{his} ~~the~~ ~~people~~ by popular institutions, ~~and~~

^{property & order} ^{public}
 secured liberty upon the basis of law, and ~~secured~~ ^{lived to see}
^{the} ~~prosperity~~ of ~~the~~ ~~kingdom~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~people~~, ^{to} ~~and~~ ~~their~~
~~affection~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~common~~ ~~wealth~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~kingdom~~. ~~He~~ ~~was~~ ~~so~~ ~~satisfied~~
~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~institutions~~ ~~and~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~loyalty~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~

~~people~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~commemorate~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~declared~~
~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~conviction~~ ~~of~~ ~~their~~ ~~loyalty~~, ~~that~~ ~~he~~
~~by~~ ~~his~~ ~~last~~ ~~wrote~~ ~~in~~ ~~his~~ ~~last~~ ~~will~~, "The

English have an undoubted right to remain
 free as their own thoughts". It was one of his

laws that freemen should train their sons

"to know God, to be men of understanding, and
 to live happily". The whole policy of his

government was founded upon "the beginning
The age was simple, ~~through~~ ^{and} the nation ~~was~~ poor, but
of wisdom of Wisdom"; ~~it contained~~ the people was
happy. ~~The country~~

~~It was a simple age, the greatest &
little ^{was} known, ^{of the arts, and of} science less, and the~~

~~nation was poor. A monarch's state-carriage
was like a farmer's waggon, his majesty sat
in it ^{holding in his hand} a long stick ^{having} with a bit of pointed iron
at the top, with which he goaded ^a team
of oxen yoked to ~~the~~ vehicle.~~

~~The nation was poor, and the people happy.~~

[Our is an age of civilization & refinement, ^{in which} ~~the~~
~~nation is a rich, and that has ^{art has} arrived~~
to excellence, ^{and} science ^{erected} ~~has~~ ^{England} ~~the~~ ^{the} nation
to become ^{into} ~~the~~ ^{a great} work-house ^{for} ~~of~~ ^{the} world, &
~~the~~ nation is richer ~~than~~ ^{not} ~~the~~ ~~whole~~ of Europe; ~~and~~
~~society is divided~~ ^{disparities rapidly diffusing} ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~various~~ ~~distinctions~~
~~by~~ ~~capacious~~ ~~accumulations~~ of wealth, and the
~~unremitting~~ ~~claims~~ of ~~helpless~~ ~~poor~~ ~~indigence~~.
and the rapid increase of poverty ~~and~~ pampered pride

~~The order of the day is "to keep up an appearance."~~ ^{an} ~~The universal desire is for~~
~~money~~ "to keep up ~~an~~ appearances"
 which situations in life ^{do} ~~cannot afford, and do~~
~~not require,~~ and means cannot afford. The
~~money~~ ^{keeping} ~~gives us~~ ~~more~~ of money want more, ^{and}
 get more; ^{and} want more, ^{more,} want and
 get, and get and want, and live and want
 and die ^{wanting} happiness; ~~Such persons are~~
~~possessors of~~ ^{with} ~~minds capable of higher reaches~~
~~of thought~~ ^{for} ~~capable of still higher~~
~~ground in the~~ ^{the} ~~graduating exercise of~~
~~worldly wisdom,~~ ^{and} ~~thoughtless~~ ^{alike} of their uses
~~as human beings,~~ ^{as} ~~others~~
~~and many exhibit it in the course of their~~
~~developing in their~~ ^{of their} ~~various pursuits~~
~~misérable~~ ^{which} ~~various~~ ^{are in their} ~~pursuits~~ ^{the} ~~could~~
~~appalling~~ ^{cultivated} ~~beauties~~ ^{intellectual} ~~traits of thought~~
~~intellect~~ ^{capable} ~~of a high order,~~ ^{capable and}
~~and~~ ^{things} ~~heartily engaged in~~ ^{things} ~~various-making craft,~~
 to which ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~only~~ they think and converse. These Englishmen
 are not "the English" contemplated by Alfred.

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~~to the extent that it is cold and selfish and~~
to refinement with a ~~heartless~~^{cold,} ~~appalling~~^{heartless,} words by
wisdom.

Life's Autumn past, I stand on Winter's verge,
And daily lose what I desire to keep;
Yet rather would I instantly decline
To the traditional sympathies
Of a most rustic ignorance, ~~and truth~~
~~of~~ than see and hear
The repetitions wearisome of sense,
Where ~~soul~~ soul is dead, & feeling hath no place;
Where knowledge, ill begun in cold remark
On outer and things, with formal inference ends;
Or if the mind turns inward 'tis perplexed,
Lost in a gloom of uninspired research;
Meanwhile, the Heart—within the Heart, the seat
Where peace and happy consciousness should dwell,
On its own axis restlessly revolves,
—Yet nowhere finds the cheering light of truth.

~~It is not the quantity of knowledge that tends to happiness, but the wisdom with which it is used.~~

[Most of us ^{will find} ~~to~~ if we look in and upon ourselves, that we ^{have} unlearned a great deal of what we have learned, ^{even} before we can gain a glimpse of ^{approaching} satisfaction.

~~The secret of our life is not to be a child, but to be a man.~~
~~Our children must be, and our children must be, to the utmost of integrity, and if we do not desire that our children may not be, we must be for what they learn from us, and gather from them.~~

~~in selecting materials for the Year Book and the Year Book~~

I aimed to avoid what might ^{injure} ~~the~~ ^{depress} the year book ^{somewhat} and in the Year Book ~~is~~ there is ^{more}, ^{than} in those works, ^{of} what seemed suitable to ingenious ^{of} ~~mind~~ thought. For the rest, I ^{substantially} ~~amplified~~

~~indebted to~~ ^{most} kind correspondents to whom I tender respectful thanks for their contributions;

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