

before devoting himself wholly to authorship. Few of the younger poets of America have gained the favor granted to his writings, which are marked by severe taste and scholarly culture. Born at Hartford in 1833.

STEVENSON, ROBERT LOUIS.

A Scottish author, born in Edinburgh in 1850. He was bred an engineer, but studied law. His works are widely known, among them being "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Died in the island of Samoa in 1896.

STODDARD, RICHARD HENRY.

Our American poet whose chaste and elegant writings have graced the literature of his native land, published his first volume in 1842, and a complete edition of his works in 1880. Most of his life has been devoted to journalism in New York; he was at one time editor of "The Aldine," an illustrated journal of first rank. Born at Hingham, Massachusetts, 1826.

STOWE, HARRIET BEECHER.

A name which holds highest rank in American literature. As the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" she gained a world-wide celebrity. Her subsequent writings have met with very high appreciation, and few authors in modern times have had so large a circle of readers and admirers. Born at Litchfield, Connecticut, 1812. Died 1896.

STREET, ALFRED BILLINGS.

An American poet and miscellaneous writer, born at Poughkeepsie, New York, in 1811. He practiced law in Albany, and was the author of several poems which were favorably received. Died in 1881.

SUMNER, CHARLES.

Noted for his scholarly attainments, his brilliant orations and strong anti-slavery sentiments. His speeches in Congress and elsewhere were finished productions which commanded wide attention. He was born in Boston, Mass., in 1811, and died in 1874.

SWIFT, JONATHAN.

An acknowledged genius, whose humorous and satirical writings gave him great fame. He was born of English parents in Dublin, Ireland, in 1667; author of "The Tale of a Tub," "Gul-

liver's Travels," and other works which have gained celebrity. Died in 1745.

SWINBURNE, ALGERNON CHARLES.

An English poet, whose works have been admired for their genius, and severely criticised for their lack of moral sentiment. They show a strange obscurity in style, combined with a remarkable variety of unusual measures. Born in 1837.

TALMAGE, THOMAS De WITT.

This widely-known clergyman was born in New Jersey in 1832, and graduated at the University of the City of New York in 1853. After holding various Dutch Reformed pastorates, he settled over a Presbyterian church in Brooklyn in 1869. Having been deprived by fire of his Tabernacle on two different occasions, he removed to Washington in 1895. He has published several volumes of sermons and other works of a miscellaneous character. His style is graphic and often humorous.

TAYLOR, BAYARD.

Renowned as author of works of travel, eminent also as poet and miscellaneous writer. For many years he was a journalist, and was connected with the "New York Tribune." Born at Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, 1825; died while United States Minister at Berlin, Germany, in 1878.

TENNYSON, ALFRED.

England's poet-laureate, born in 1809. His splendid genius gave him the first place among English poets. His works are marvels of beauty, profound thought, ardent feeling and felicitous style. Tennyson is perhaps even more popular in America than in his own country. Died in 1892.

THACKERAY, WILLIAM MAKEPEACE.

One of the foremost English authors, almost unrivalled in the realm of fiction. His fine delineations of character, subtle humor and poetic fancy give to his writings unwonted charm. He was born in Calcutta in 1811, and educated at the University of Cambridge, England. For many years he was a contributor to "Punch" and other periodicals, and gained great popularity. He died in 1863.

TROWBRIDGE, JOHN TOWNSEND.

The popular author of character poems, also of juvenile works, was born at Ogden, New York, in