

NOTICES OF LECTURERS.

EDWARD JENKINS.

Of his recent first appearance in America as a lecturer, at the Boston Lyceum, the *Boston Advertiser* said, among other commendatory remarks:

The lecture season began last night with the opening of Redpath's Lyceum Course in Music Hall, and if the opening may be taken as an augury of what is to come, the success of the season of 1873-74 is assured. The great hall was filled in every part with one of Boston's best audiences waiting to hear one of England's keenest satirists—the author of "Ginx's Baby."

Mr. Jenkins is a slightly built man with a thoughtful face of a reflective cast, adorned with a slight moustache, and a short, light brown beard. His hair is thin, the top of his head being entirely bald. His forehead is high and dome-like, and his clear blue eyes are deep-set. His voice is clear and well modulated, moderate in volume, but of considerable penetration. In manner, as well as appearance, he very much resembles the Rev. William B. Alger, but his speech is far more rapid than that gentleman's. His tone is perhaps somewhat cold, but is remarkable for a suppressed intensity which tells of the deep and thorough earnestness of the speaker. His manner is easy and self-possessed; and his movements quick and nervous, with few and well-timed gestures. He has none of the awkward constraint which is seen in many of the distinguished Englishmen who have visited us, and there is hardly a trace of the English inflection or accent to be detected in his speech.

The *Boston Post* said:

Last evening the lecture season received a brilliant inauguration at Music Hall, the occasion being the first appearance in Boston of Mr. Edward Jenkins, the English politician, who is so well known to the world as the author of "Ginx's Baby." The presence of a large audience testified alike to the zest with which the public enter upon the new lecture season and to the interest excited by the appearance of Mr. Jenkins in this country. It only lacked about fifteen minutes to 8 o'clock when the lecturer appeared, accompanied by the Hon. Charles Sumner and Gen. N. P. Banks, the organ pealing forth the strains of the English national anthem as he made his bow to the audience. Of his personal characteristics it is enough to say that he is a young man, apparently not more than 35 years of age, if indeed he be so old, of spare habit, the fairest of blonde complexions, and withal a very graceful carriage. His voice is clear and pleasing, though there is no approach to stentorian

tones; nor is it ringing. At times the manner of his delivery was tinged with a preacher-like solemnity; and again in some of his more forcible passages the satirical bent of his mind found expression in a sarcastic rendering of the closing words. His language is very ornate and vigorous, with a tendency to profusion of metaphor. Throughout the lecture the greatest silence prevailed, and his audience evidently relished his utterances as an intellectual treat, but applause was seldom accorded him. His auditors were not indeed demonstrative, and it is not detracting from Mr. Jenkins's merit to say that his style as a lecturer is less calculated to provoke frequent applause than it is to induce a well-sustained and admiring attention.

The lecturer finished his discourse with an eloquent and lengthy peroration, concluding thus: Statesmen must have faith, and people must have faith. It is this which binds together in strongest bonds the body social and politic. In fine, my friends, social and temporal benefits alike can only rest upon a people animated by high principles. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are of good report, these are at once the attributes of the highest citizenship and the noblest Christianity.

The lecturer resumed his seat shortly after nine o'clock, amidst prolonged and hearty applause.

The lecturer was frequently applauded, and made a good impression upon the audience, the first he ever addressed in America.

And the *Boston Journal* and *Boston Globe* also contained highly complimentary notices of the manner in which Mr. Jenkins dealt with his interesting subject—"THE ENGLAND OF TO-DAY."

ISAAC J. HAYES, M. D.:—

The following are samples of the enthusiastic tributes paid to Dr. HAYES wherever he appears:

"Dr. Hayes is one of the most unassuming, but one of the most popular and delightful lecturers in the field. He has a wonderful story to tell, of which he is the hero; although his own achievements are kept in the background, and the exploits of his predecessors depicted in the most generous terms. His lectures are illustrated with views taken on the spot. We hope to have the privilege of hearing a series of lectures from the celebrated explorer this season in New York. They would be sure to draw large and cultivated audiences.—*New York Evening Mail*, Feb. 24th, 1873.