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ENGLISH CLASSICS—THEIR UTILITY.*

To the Members of the Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society.

GENTLEMEN,—The duty of an Inaugural Address falls upon him whom you have honored by election to the Presidency of your Society, an office which has for seventeen years been occupied by a succession of names on which there lies an enviable lustre: he will not hope to rival their worth, but will promise to emulate their course.

The English classics include the poetry and the prose of English-speaking genius; for all rhyme is not poetry, neither does all poetry fall into smooth metre. Alongside of Cædman, Chaucer, Spenser, Milton, Tennyson, Shelley, we range Father Bæda, Roger Bacon and Francis Bacon, Sir Philip Sydney, Fielding and Dickens and Scott, Burke and Macaulay and De Quincey. And the canon of literature is not closed.

*Inaugural Address by J. C. Smith, B.A., President of Knox College Metaphysical and Literary Society