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GEOFFREY CHAUCER.

The Father of English Poetry.

Was the son of a London vintner, became page in the Household of Prince Lionel and served in the French war, being taken prisoner in 1359. Author of celebrated works, the most popular of which are his "Canterbury Tales."

The painter of this picture is not known with any degree of certainty, but from the various prints of him at Oxford and elsewhere the painting is worthy to perpetuate him, and is considered an excellent portrait.

Van Dyke, A.

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COUNTESS OF SOUTHAMPTON.

Doughty, William

1760

(Pupil of Sir Joshua Reynolds)

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EDMUND BURKE.

Noted Statesman and Orator, 1730-1797.

Friend of Goldsmith, Dr. Johnson and Sir J. Reynolds, P.R.A. and Member of the Literary Club founded by Johnson.