



Matthew Arnold (Classic Reprint)

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The very name of Matthew Arnold calls up to memory a set of apt phrases and proverbial labels which have passed into our current literature, and are most happily redolent of his own peculiar turn of thought. How could modern criticism be carried on, were it forbidden to speak of culture, of urbanity, of Philistinism, of distinction, of the note of provinciality, of the great style ? What a convenient shorthand is it to refer to Barbarians, to the young lions of the Press, to Bottles, to Arminius, to the Zeit-Geist - and all the personal and impersonal objects of our great critics genial contempt! It is true that our young lions (whose feeding time appears to be our breakfast hour) have roared themselves almost hoarse over some of these sayings and nicknames, and even the note of provinciality has become a little provincial. But how many of these pregnant phrases have been added to the debates of philosophy and even of religion! The stream of tendency that makes for righteousness, sweetness and...



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