

Bjornstjerne Björnson, 1832-1910. By William Morton Payne, LL. D. Chicago: A. C. McClurg & Co. Fifty cents net.

The associate editor of the *Chicago Dial* is the author of this tribute to the great Norwegian, which is, in substance—altho it is brought down to date—the essay contributed by him to the *International Quarterly* of March, 1903, written on the occasion of the novelist's seven-

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tieth birthday. There are here less than a hundred pages of well-printed text, followed by a list of "works." But the study of Björnson is feeling enough, and intelligent enough, for us to welcome its perpetuation in book form. Dr. Payne is familiar with the language of Björnson as well as with his ideas, and as an introduction to the genius of one who may be described as "the incarnation of a whole people" (as Renan described the novelist Tourguénieff), its value is quite out of proportion to its bulk.

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