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Be you rather a hearer and bearer away of other mens' talk than a beginner or procurer of speech, otherwise you shall be counted to delight to hear yourself speak. The mother, with all her love and ambition for him, took the utmost pains to teach him to do thoroughly whatever he undertook, in order that he might attain the perfect development of character that comes alone from the most vigorous training.

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They return to Abyssinia, but do not wish to return to the state of constantly fulfilled pleasures found in the Happy Valley. It will, above all, be necessary to take notice, that it is a thing distinct from the Commentary.

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During those visits his chief business was to watch Johnson, to discover all Johnson's habits, to turn the conversation to subjects about which Johnson was likely to say something remarkable, and to fill quarto note books with 20 minutes of what Johnson had said. To say the truth, the course of his studies was far from regular: he read by fits and starts, and, in the intervals, digested his reading by meditation, to which he was ever prone. One of his earliest recollections was that of a stately lady in a diamond stomacher and a long black hood.

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Garrick, that Johnson at last denied himself this amusement, from considerations of rigid virtue; saying, 'I'll come no more behind your scenes, David; for the silk stockings and white bosoms of your actresses excite my amorous propensities. Cavendishes and Bentincks were murmuring.

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 $Turned\ Pope's\ Messiah\ into\ Latin\ verse.\ Johnson\ eventually\ found\ employment\ as\ undermaster\ at\ a\ school\ in\ ,\ run\ by\ Sir\ ,\ who\ allowed\ Johnson\ to\ teach\ without\ a\ degree.$ 

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The speech of Lord Chesterfield on a different sub ject, and against a measure of a succeeding, and, as it was pretended, a purer administration, is as follows.

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