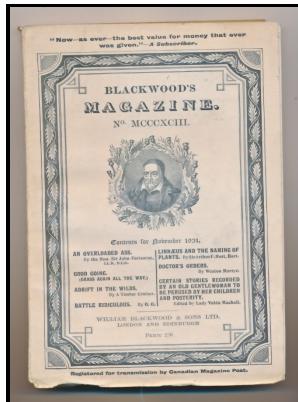


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Yes; it is a work of tremendous splendour, and may it turn out — it must turn out — as we both expect.

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We have lost one-fourth at least of our army—perhaps one-third of our very best troops. With two such young men under his hand, ready for anything—as astonishing in their bursts of energy as in their boundless capacity for idling, and eager to carry out any freak which promised sport—Blackwood had naturally the strongest light by which to see the shortcomings of his dull editors, who moulded painfully under his vexed and impatient observation the dullest of inconsequent Magazines, instead of the brilliant organ he had dreamed of.

Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine, Vol. 93: February, 1863 by William Blackwood and Sons

It is now therefore on the eve of being ready for delivery. He does now and then get a book or two to throw in one's way; but really no other person does except your house, which gets all the rest.

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That Blackwood very early showed the true discrimination of a literary critic is evident from an accidental letter to Miss Ferrier on the subject of another novel, evidently sent to him through her hands, his tone in respect to which is most flatteringly different from that which he used in speaking of her own performance. It was fortunately the fashion to be robust in mind as well as in body. The particular branch from which the Edinburgh Blackwoods sprang had, in the person of a well-to-do burgess of Edinburgh, the ill-fortune, which half of Scotland shared, to be ruined by the terrible fate of the enterprise of Darien, and was thus reduced to comparative poverty.

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The great professors, the judges, the doctors, the wits and humorists of the Parliament House, and, above all, the quaint and highly coloured background of the ancient ladies and gentlemen, who still lived, as their ancestors had done, in the stately houses of the Canongate, and scoffed at all the world — with tender bursts of romance, and all the tales and wonders of family history, pathetic and tragical as well as ridiculous, coming in between — have had such historians as few cities could emulate. The date is so early as 1815:— W. The young man was then twenty-two.

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Here the lad worked out his indentures diligently, with all the instincts of a man born to advancement, unconsciously laying by many a suggestion and experience for use in his after-career — going cheerfully home at night to his mother and the society of his brothers, one older and one younger than himself.

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I trust the author will do me the justice to believe that it is quite impossible for any one to have a higher admiration of his most extraordinary talents: and speaking merely as a bookseller, it would be quite unnecessary to be at the expense of altering one line, although the author himself who alone can be the proper judge should wish it, as the success of the work should be rapid, great, and certain. As another edition, however, is unfortunately not yet required, it is unnecessary for us to discuss this last point at present, and I therefore return to the first point — the state of the fourth edition.

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We will not attempt to dive into these depths with the usual industry of the biographer. Edinburgh rose to it like one man, delighted, amused, offended, furious. Your approbation is just as it ought to be.

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