

Baviad, and Maeviad

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Notes: Caption title: The Baviad, a paraphrastic imitation of the first satire of Persius.

This edition was published in 1797



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The Baviad, and Maeviad : Gifford, William, 1756

Gifford adores and celebrates the shade of Pope: 'So may thy varied verse, from age to age, Inform the simple, and delight the sage.' and in the Baviad he does for the first satire of Persius what Pope had done earlier for Horace, and Johnson for Juvenal; that is, he follows him verse by verse, substituting modern for ancient instances. Nay, then, I'll dig a hole, and bury there, The dreadful truth that so alarms thy fears: THE TOWN, THE TOWN, GOOD PIT, HAS ASSES EARS. Is it not giv'n to Este's unmeaning dash, To Topham's fustian, Colman's flippant trash, Miles Andrew's dogrel, Merry's frantic whine, Cobbe's vapid jest, and Greathead's lumbering line? O deign To cast a glance on this incondite strain: Here, if thou find'st one thought but well exprest, One sentence, higher finish'd than the rest, Such as may win thee to proceed awhile, And smooth thy forehead with a gracious smile, I ask no more.

§5. George Ellis; John Hookham Frere; William Gifford; Baviad; The II. Political Writers and Speakers. Vol. 11. The Period of the French Revolution. The Cambridge History of English and American Literature: An Encyclopedia in Eighteen Volumes. 190721

Of the present performance we shall only remark that it is replete with malignity and falsehood. When all was new, And every hour brought prodigies to view, Our sires in unaffected language told, Of streams of amber, and of rocks of gold: Full of their theme, they spurn'd all idle art; And the plain tale was trusted to the heart. Whate'er the theme, with honest warmth they wrote, Nor cared what Mutius of their freedom thought: Yet prose was venial in that happy time, And life had other business than to rhyme.

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Gifford's poem was imitated on a number of occasions by poets seeking to give laws to the kingdom of literature, most successfully by in The Pursuits of Literature 1794, etc. Sure, two or three—F. The Baviad and Maeviad is an unchanged, high-quality reprint of the original edition of 1797.

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