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PART I

INTRODUCTION

I. THE MAGAZINE

Ainsworth's Magazine: A Miscellany of Romance,

General Literature, and Art made its first appearance in

February, 1842. Owned and edited by William Harrison

Ainsworth, illustrated by George Cruikshank, published in

London by Hugh Cunningham, it was a bargain at eighteen

pence.

To a greater extent than any of its predecessors, Ainsworth's was a literary magazine. Previous successful monthlies had been owned by publishing houses, with literary editors at the financial and ideological mercy of the publishers--according to the literary men. Ainsworth's hope was

that a plan, which invests the real property and the real responsibility of a Magazine in <u>literary</u> hands, may give greater freedom to writers...and therefore be more favourable to the prosperous exercise of their talents, than is frequently the case under established arrangements.

This freedom, however, was not to be licence. Although free of a publisher's restrictions, this was to be a family magazine, "addressed not to Mothers only, but to Daughters."

Ainsworth's Magazine, 1, ii. 2 Ibid., p. iv.

The necessity to preserve the virtue and vacuity of the minds of these young persons was already beginning to dominate the Victorian literary scene.

The first issue, of sixty-nine pages, contained the opening chapters of a new romance, The Miser's Daughter, by the editor. In addition was the first part of a humorous fantasy, "Sultan Stork," by William Makepeace Thackeray (as fanciful as the story was the pseudonym, "Major G. O'G. Gahagan, H.E.I.C.S."); an essay by Martin Tupper; personal recollections of W. Francis Ainsworth, Harrison Ainsworth's cousin, and of Captain Thomas Medwin, Shelley's cousin; tales by Louisa Costello and by Charles Ollier; the first of a series of amusing sketches of Yankee culture by "Uncle Sam"; a review of Hugo's The Ehine; a variety of verse selections; and two feature sections: "The Lady's Page" and "Our Library Table."

"The Lady's Page" was actually several pages of short anecdotes and poetic effusions, some signed, some anonymous. It was here that Lady Harriette D'Orsay paraded her bleeding heart. The Hon. Mrs. Norton, "the Byron of poetesses," whose personal life made far more colorful reading than her verses, was also represented, as were the fashionable writers, Mrs. Elizabeth Stone and Mrs. Catherine Frances Gore. "The Lady's Page" made its last appearance as a separate section in August of 1842 although contributions by the ladies continued

in force throughout the life of the magazine.

"Our Library Table" remained as a feature on and off through the eleven volumes though much changed in character after Volume 1. Introducing the section, the editor promised the Table would contain "scraps of dainty literature, samples of spiced correspondence."3 Ainsworth assured the promised fare by the simple expedient of requesting contributions from his literary friends. In the letters to the editor that appeared in the magazine, the authors indicated they were responding to his request. Thackeray was approached and replied, "I have been scribbling the letter today wh /sic/ you desire and hope it will turn out pretty well."4 Unfortunately, whatever he sent was not used -- at least, was not signed and is not identifiable. It was in this section that Ainsworth and John Hughes, who wrote under the name. Mr. Buller of Brazennose, carried on their "paper war" with Father Prout. 5 From March through June, 1842, "Our Library Table" was headed by a charming Cruikshank illustration, showing Ainsworth and Cruikshank lounging at a cluttered table in a cluttered library. The section was absent from the second

³<u>Ibid.</u>, p. 60.

Hetters and Private Papers of William Makepeace
Thackeray, ed. G. N. Ray (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1946), II, 40.

⁵ Rev. Francis Mahony, an expelled Jesuit priest.

volume and did not appear again until July, 1843, from which time on it was comprised of anonymous book reviews and notices. The personal quality of the earlier entries was missing as was the Cruikshank illustration.

That Ainsworth's plans for his magazine included yet another regular department, "The Gentleman's Tiger," is clear from his introduction to the first appearance of this feature in the March issue for 1842.

All things proper for gentlemen to discuss, the gentleman's tiger will monthly bring to them; no manly topic can come amiss, if we except the price of corn, the march of Puseyism, and the Gurney affair with the Jockey-club.

The initial article was by Thomas Medwin--Captain Medwin, as he always signed himself--and future months brought selections by Lord William Lennox and Charles W. Brooks, well-known in later years as Shirley Brooks of Punch. "The Gentleman's Tiger" ran for three issues, then was seen no more.

These attempts at departmentalization are important in the history of periodical production. Although not sustained by Ainsworth, such features, with their resultant personalizing of a magazine, were taken up and developed by other Victorian periodicals and are, of course, a distinguishing feature of all popular magazines today.

⁶Ainsworth's Magazine, 1, 113.

Ainsworth recognized the importance of an attractive format and realized it in many ways: good-sized print (after the first volume), single column to the page, variety of type styles for headings and features, variety in lengths and types of entries, and, chiefly, a profusion of illustrations by the foremost illustrators of the day. Some of the best work of George Cruikshank, Hablot K. Browne, Tony Johannot, and Alfred de la Motte is found in the pages of Ainsworth's Magazine.

The second volume, July-December, 1842, was published by Cunningham and Mortimer, the price was raised to two shillings, and sales were over 7,000. While this seems a small circulation figure, it compared favorably with <u>Fraser's Magazine</u>, which had a sale of 8,700 copies at the end of the first year, and was still paying its way in the 1870s with a circulation of 3,000.

Careful attention to the appearance of the magazine was accompanied by equal care in providing a variety of entertainment and painless instruction, within the self-imposed

⁷S. M. Ellis, William Harrison Ainsworth and His Friends (London: John Lane, 1911), II, 9. Hereafter referred to as Ellis.

M. M. Thrall, Rebellious Fraser's (New York: Columbia University Press, 1934), p. 14.

⁹C. Blagden, "Longman's Magazine," Review of English Literature, IV (April, 1963), p. 13.

limitation of avoiding politics and scandal. For Volume 2, Ainsworth wrote another new romance, Windsor Castle, which ran concurrently with The Miser's Daughter for a time. There was also a plentiful store of short stories and tales, including translations from the German; criticisms of contemporary drama, art, and music; a report on scientific developments; familiar essays; book reviews; historical pieces; more Yankeeisms 10; and the first numbers of George Raymond's "Elliston Papers," later published as the Memoirs of Robert W. Elliston. Since Raymond is remembered today, when he is remembered at all, only as the biographer of Elliston, Ainsworth can be credited with recognizing early a valuable addition to the history of the theater in this account of the turn of the century comedian's life and times.

By January, 1844, Ainsworth had sold the magazine to his publisher, John Mortimer, thus ending the distinction he so proudly made in his preface to the first issue. There is no change evident in Volume 5, however. Ainsworth continued as editor, Cruikshank continued as illustrator, and they combined their talents on yet another historical romance, St. James: or, the Court of Queen Anne. There were fewer short fictional pieces; the January issue, for example,

For a nineteenth-century view of the American Way of Death, see "The Report of the Directors of the Grand Necropolitan Caucus Hill Freehold Joint Stock Burial Company," Ainsworth's Magazine, 2, 14-15.

contained only one short story complete in the issue. John Manesty, the Liverpool Merchant, by William Maginn. posthumously presented and completed by Charles Ollier, and Leigh Hunt's A Jar of Honey from Mount Hybla began their serial runs before publication. Social comment was contributed by Mrs. Samuel Carter Hall in "The Long Hours." The evil she attacked was the fifteen-hour work day of shop people, which she believed could be reduced to twelve hours by right-thinking and "that consideration for the feelings and wants of others which is a positive Christian obligation."11 Of greatest pleasure and interest to the modern reader, however, are the two contributions of Laman Blanchard: another of his "characters;" Jeremy Scrap, and an appreciative article on his friend, Charles Dickens, author of Martin Chuzzlewit and A Christmas Carol in Prose -- A Ghost Story of Christmas.

Financial disagreements with the publisher-owner caused Ainsworth to resign his editorship in June of 1845. At the same time, he bought The New Monthly Magazine from Henry Colburn, the publisher, and transferred his attention to this new venture. In February of that year his second-incommand and close personal friend, Laman Blanchard, had committed suicide, a severe literary loss to the magazine as

^{11&}lt;u>Ibid., 5, 45</u>.

well as a personal tragedy. To add to the misfortune, the volatile Cruikshank refused to continue as illustrator. Fortunately, the replacement was as good as the original, Hablot K. Browne, the "Phiz" to Dickens! "Boz."

The magazine showed some evidence of a diminution of editorial attention immediately before the above-mentioned events, but subsequent policy must have irritated subscribers and probably adversely affected sales. With the June issue, the current Harrison Ainsworth serial, Revelations of London, was broken off before its conclusion. It was replaced, in July, by the first chapters of G. P. R. James's Ehrenstein, which ran for five issues, then it in turn was dropped before completion in favor of a translation of The Count of Monte Cristo. The six numbers of Volume 8 varied from nine to twelve entries in each and were probably put together by W. Francis Ainsworth, who helped Harrison Ainsworth with the magazine throughout its life. Such popular writers of the day as Emma Robinson, Charleton Carew, and A. C. N. Gallenga. using his nom de plume, L. Mariotti, made their first appearances in the magazine during this interregnum as did Charles Ollier's son, Edmund.

Although Harrison Ainsworth returned as editor after six months, the magazine never again demonstrated the care and enthusiasm which had marked the first volumes. For the January and June issues, 1846, instead of original material,

Harrison Ainsworth supplied reprints of his stories which had previously been published in annuals and, as a bonus for the year, a novel supplement, Old St. Paulis, originally published in 1841. The April issue contained five prose entries, of which only one was fiction; and the May number almost belied the name of the magazine with four prose entries, two of which were installments of French novels: The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas, translation by W. Francis Ainsworth, and Piquillo Alliaga: or, the Moors under Philip III, a historical novel by the French playwright, Augustin Scribe, strongly influenced by Walter Scott. In addition were a chapter of Thomas Wright's scholarly series, "History of Sorcery and Magic," and an episode of the Euphrates expedition by W. Francis Ainsworth, which episodes had been and continued to be a regular feature of the magazine. After May the magazine began to improve in terms of more prose entries, although Harrison Ainsworth's own July offering was yet another reprint, and he was still relying heavily on translations of French romances. Dumas' Memoirs of a Physician followed The Count of Monte Cristo and Piquillo Alliaga went on and on.

Volume 11 showed signs of revitalization. Two new serial novels, Ainsworth's <u>James the Second</u>: or, the <u>Revolution of 1688</u>, and <u>Launcelot Widge</u> by Charles Hooton, original stories, short essays, travel notes, retold legends,

humorous pieces, and brief reviews made it once again a magazine of varied fare.

Ainsworth's Magazine continued publication until 1854, by which time Harrison Ainsworth had purchased Bentley's Miscellany. No doubt the ownership of The New Monthly and Bentley's represented to him some youthful aspiration not fulfilled by his own namesake, for even so loyal a biographer as Ellis admits the poor quality of Ainsworth's in its later years. 12 It finally died of neglect.

Reading the first eleven volumes of the magazine by no means provides a complete panorama of the broad range of Victorian activities and interests. The magazine did supply an almost continuous flow of historical novels, a form for which, critics notwithstanding, there is always a considerable audience. The emphasis was on action with much authentic period detail and inclusion of historical persons, places, and events. Short stories and tales, too, frequently contained statements that what was being related was based on actual events. The magazine catered also to interest in field sports and the men who wrote about them, the popular drama and the theater, Ireland and the Irish (often with an impenetrable brogue), and travel. Furthermore, it provided opinions on books and art that would not be inconsistent with

^{12&}lt;sub>Ellis</sub>, II, 220.

opinions that the mass of readers already held on other subjects but would be more felicitously expressed and would have the authority of the printed page.

II. STAFF AND CONTRIBUTORS: THE AINSWORTH CIRCLE

Ainsworth's Magazine had its initial success assured in the person of its owner-editor, William Harrison Ainsworth. By the time he undertook proprietorship of a magazine, Ainsworth had been a publisher, an editor, a contributor to the popular annuals and monthlies of the day, and had written six best-selling romances. His <u>Jack Shephard</u> for a time outsold even Dicken's <u>Oliver Twist</u>, with which it was linked by Thackeray and other unfriendly critics as representing the Newgate Calendar school of criminal romance, a pernicious influence on the impressionable reader. 13

Harrison Ainsworth had manifested an enthusiasm and ability for literary production even as a child in his native Manchester, and he had been writing for publication since the age of sixteen. In 1824, almost twenty years old, he went to London ostensibly to study for the bar; however, his energy was directed rather to meeting and cultivating everyone in the literary profession from Wordsworth and Lamb to penny-aliners and lady editors of annuals. In the course of this

^{13 &}lt;u>Ibid.</u>, I, 358, 359, 371-76..

pursuit he met the publisher, John Ebers; married the publisher's daughter, Anne Fanny; and took over the publisher's business firm. In 1827-28 he met and published the works of Leigh Hunt, Thomas Hood, and Laman Blanchard. Financially, however, his most successful publishing venture was not literary but culinary, The French Cookbook, by L. E. Ude. 14

Ainsworth had been associated with the Fraserians from the inception of Fraser's Magazine in 1830 until about 1835. He had also been a regular contributor to Bentley's Miscellany, and in March, 1839, succeeded Dickens as editor, a position he held until the end of 1841. By then the inevitable disagreements between publisher and editor forced Ainsworth's decision to venture on his own, and he was ready. Besides being a successful novelist, he had great personal charm, amiability, and kindliness, and -- not least important -he set a good table. These virtues were remembered and attested to in the reminiscences and correspondence of his contemporaries: Charles Dickens, John Forster, Serjeant Thomas Noon Talfourd, Lady Blessington, Count D'Orsay, William Makepeace Thackeray, and many others whose names are less well known today. All of this meant that Ainsworth was popular both in the literary and fashionable world which centered in London and with the large audience of England's

^{14&}lt;u>Ibid.</u>, I, 160-63.

growing middle class; Arnold's Phillistines were Ainsworth's Readers.

During 1841, George Cruikshank, probably the best-known illustrator of the early Victorian years, with Laman Blanchard, had been producing a monthly, George Cruikshank's Omnibus. Ainsworth persuaded them, in Cruikshank's words, "to drive the Omnibus into the Magazine," thus insuring the services of an excellent illustrator and a capable, experienced sub-editor.

Samuel Laman Blanchard, son of a Norfolk glazier, had also had literary aspirations since early youth. After a brief period with a travelling troup of actors, and while still in his teens, he was proofreader in a London printing office and contributor of prose and verse to the Monthly Magazine. In 1828, when Blanchard was twenty-four, his Lyric Offerings was published. This book was highly praised by Charles Lamb and by Edward Bulwer-Lytton. Blanchard spent the eighteen-thirties editing a succession of liberal publications, which efforts usually ended in the failure of the publication or the dismissal of Blanchard on the grounds of political differences, either of which made his living precarious. With the eighteen-forties his luck seemed to change. His association with Cruikshank and then with

^{15 &}lt;u>Ibid</u>., II, 99.

Ainsworth, along with the editorship of the Examiner, assured him of a steady income, he was able to devote some time to writing poetry, which he loved, and informal essays, which he did best. The Dictionary of National Biography ranks

Blanchard as a lesser Lamb, and Blanchard would probably have concurred with this judgment. His footnote to "A Few Words with our Ancestors" refers to "the most quaint and original of modern wits, Charles Lamb...in his series of 'Popular Fallacies,'" and adds that he, Blanchard, "at a modest distance as became him, followed up the subject."

The three years that Blanchard was associated with the magazine, he contributed a total of twenty-seven signed prose entries, nine of which were posthumously published. In addition he undoubtedly wrote many of the literary and theatrical reviews which are unsigned, although it has been possible to identify only three of them on the basis of outside evidence. 17

For his unfailing gentleness and genuine admiration of their literary efforts, Blanchard was, if anything, even more popular than Ainsworth with his colleagues. Douglas Jerrold, the playwright and wit, was a loyal friend, as were Bulwer, Lytton, Dickens, Forster, Browning, Thackeray, Leigh

¹⁶Ainsworth's Magazine, 3, 235.

¹⁷ Infra, (A 184), p. 47; (A 284), p. 57; (A 309), p. 60.

Hunt, and William Charles Macready, the actor-producer. Friendships and improved economic conditions were not enough, however. Blanchard's wife died in 1844, and from then on he alternated between periods of black despair and frantic activity, with gradiose schemes for works he would embark on. The night of February 15, 1845, he retired with his young son, but shortly thereafter, arose, slashed his own wrists, and died.

Both Bulwer-Lytton and Thackeray published tributes to him in which they agreed as to the quality of his work, particularly the essays. In Bulwer-Lytton's words,

The essays form most agreeable and characteristic illustrations of our manners and our age. They possess... the charm that comes from bequeathing pleasurable impressions. 10

They disagreed on their judgments of his potential ability, Bulwer-Lytton believing that, with leisure, Blanchard would have produced work of the highest class; Thackeray, that his accomplishment was equal to his ability and, moreover,

he had a duty, much more imperative upon him than the preparation of questionable great works, -- to get his family their dinner. A man must be a very Great man, indeed, before he can neglect this precaution....

E. Bulwer-Lytton, "Memoir of the Author," Sketches from Life by L. Blanchard (London: Henry Colburn, 1846), p. xiii.

[/]W. M. Thackeray/, "A Brother of the Press on the History of a Literary Man, Laman Blanchard, and the Chances of the Literary Profession," Fraser's Magazine, XXXIII (March, 1846), p. 335.

Regardless of what he could have produced, what he did produce is still a pleasure to read, and Ainsworth's was poorer without the work of Laman Blanchard.

Also closely associated with the conduct of the magazine was William Francis Ainsworth, cousin of William Harrison Ainsworth. Before settling in Hammersmith in 1841, Francis Ainsworth had won recognition in the fields of surgery, geology, biblical and classical history, and exploration. He had been honorary secretary of the Syro-Egyptian Society, one of the founders of the West London Hospital, one of the original fellows of the Royal Geographical Society, and author of works on subjects as widely divergent as the cholera in Sunderland and geological evidence of the Flood in Asia Minor.

Francis Ainsworth exemplified, almost in exaggeration, the qualities most admired by Victorians: industry, earnest purpose, and moral optimism. He was both official physician and official geologist of the Euphrates Expedition, led by Col. Chesney, with the unstated—at the time—purpose of determining the feasibility of a railway route to India. Ainsworth's knowledge of the Bible and of Greek history enabled him to make contributions in these fields, as well as in geology. His pioneering research is still acknowledged in present-day books on the geology and archeology of the Euphrates valley.

over the years that Francis Ainsworth was associated with the magazine, during which time he continued the practice of medicine, he could be counted on for a monthly contribution, except from July through September, 1845, while he was probably acting-editor. In addition to signed entries, he undoubtedly supplied a number of book reviews, particularly of those volumes of travel in Asia and Asia Minor which were in such vogue during this period and which he was well-qualified to evaluate. He also translated The Count of Monte Cristo for the magazine and, possibly, the other shorter Dumas selections which appeared from time to time. The bulk of his signed articles were on the Euphrates Expedition, and these he collected, revised, and, in some cases, extended for publication as A Personal Narrative of the Euphrates Expedition, which appeared in 1888.

Two personal friends of Harrison Ainsworth who probably provided editorial assistance as well as regular contributions were Dudley Costello and Charles Ollier. Although Costello was chiefly known as an illustrator, he wrote rather than illustrated for the magazine.

The romantic writers of the previous generation were the heroic models for Ainsworth and Blanchard in their youth. Sir Walter Scott was king of the novel and Lord Byron, John Keats, and Percy Shelley, a poetic triumvirate. Any writer who had been associated with, or was influenced by, these men

was welcomed to the pages of the magazine.

Charles Ollier had been the publisher for Keats and Shelley, and had been enthusiastic about their works when such enthusiasm was neither fashionable nor financially prudent. He had been encouraged by Shelley, in turn, to admire and publish the work of Shelley's relative, Thomas Medwin.

Medwin, after retiring from the army, had lived with the Shelleys for a time in Italy. There he became acquainted with Byron, and his written memoirs of the two poets, while controversial, are still valuable to literary biographers.

Medwin's twelve contributions to the first eleven volumes of Ainsworth's make no mention of Shelley and Byron, but those that are not fiction are about his own experiences. These selections provide the opportunity to determine if Mary Shelley was justified in calling Medwin "a seccatura" and "Common Place personified," for the subjects of his articles are very like those which became boring to her. 20

A better writer was John Hamilton Reynolds, close friend of Keats and brother-in-law of Thomas Hood. His entry, signed, John Hamilton, is "Oriana and Vesperella," a four-part fairy tale with Gothic elements, a moralizing overtone, and the sarcastic undercurrent characteristic of

E. J. Lovell, Jr., <u>Captain Medwin</u>, <u>friend of Byron</u> and <u>Shelley</u> (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1962), p. 77.

Reynolds' later writing.

Leigh Hunt's name has always been closely associated with Keats and Shelley and, to a lesser extent, with Byron; also, of course, he was a popular author in his own right, particularly with those of liberal sentiments. His <u>Jar of Honey from Mount Hybla</u>, a charming, rambling collection of bits and pieces, of poetry, the classics, folk-lore, history, made its prepublication appearance in <u>Ainsworth's from January through December</u>, 1844.

Harrison Ainsworth did not confine himself to bringing to the public names to evoke the past. He also presented new talents. Charles William Brooks had an unsuccessful comedy and occasional articles in monthlies to his credit when Ainsworth accepted his first contributions to the magazine. He had not yet become "Shirley Brooks, a Great 'Punch' Editor." Thomas Hughes, famous a generation later for his Tom Brown at Oxford, had his first poetic effort printed in Ainsworth's. At the time Thomas Hughes was eleven years old, and it was doubtless Ainsworth's friendship with the family rather than recognition of talent that led to the appearance of "Milton and the Swedish Lord" in the pages of the magazine. 22 Mrs. Lynn Linton, popular novelist of the mid-Victorian

²¹Title of biography of Brooks by George S. Layard.

²² Ainsworth's Magazine, 2, 451.

years, was completely unknown when she went to London in 1846, plain Miss Eliza Lynn, and had one of her earliest literary efforts accepted by Ainsworth. Edward Kenealy was a young, scholarly lawyer torn between the bar and literature at the time his articles were appearing in the magazine. It was much later that he won notoriety as the defense counsel for the Tichborne Claimant and was eventually disbarred for his outspoken comments on British justice. Charles Hooton was another of the contributors who died by his own hand, in this case, an overdose of morphine, in 1847, while his novel, Launcelot Widge, was appearing in serial form in the magazine.

For the most part, the staff and contributors to Ainsworth's Magazine were men and women of the literary profession. They wrote for a living, and the writing, if not often brilliant, is always competent. Their expert use of the chief tool of their trade, the English language, could well be the envy of present-day periodical writers.

III. EDITORIAL POLICY

Editorially, Harrison Ainsworth established the magazine's policy on literary reviews.

We make no fierce war on books or authors, but seek rather to find out what is good and honest and pleasant in rivals and contemporaries, giving our readers the

²² Ainsworth's Magazine, 2, 451.

benefit of the discovery. 23

Clearly the attitude with which a reviewer approached his task and the basis of selectivity was quite different from what we have today. This editorial statement must be remembered for an understanding both of the contents of the magazine and of which books are praised, which ignored, by the reviewers.

Of the seventy-one authors who received critical attention in the magazine, four are read today: Elizabeth Barrett, Fenimore Cooper, Dickens, and Thackeray. If one considers the books themselves, Thackeray's name would probably be struck from the list since he is represented by The Irish Sketchbook.

It is hard to believe that this six-year period saw the publication of Carlyle's Past and Present and Cromwell, Macaulay's Essays, the first volume of Ruskin's Modern Painters, Tennyson's 1842 volume of Poems, Browning's Bells and Pomegranates, including "Pippa Passes," Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre and Emily Bronte's Wuthering Heights.

Mr. T. Carlyle was applauded for introducing the works of Jean Paul Richter to the English public. 24 John Hughes mentioned "a wild unkemped /sic/ urchin of some seventeen or

^{23&}lt;u>Ibid.</u>, 3, iv. 24<u>Ibid.</u>, 7, 536.

eighteen...absorbed in a copy of Tennyson's Poems."²⁵
Tennyson, himself, was the subject of attack in an extensive quotation from The New Timon,²⁶ which, although published anonymously, had been written by Bulwer-Lytton. For the rest there was silence.

In the first eleven volumes of the magazine more than one hundred books were reviewed. Of this hundred more than half are works of fiction, including ten volumes of poetry. For fictional works, the review includes a summary of the plot, names and brief descriptions of the characters, judiciously chosen quotations from the work to indicate style and, sometimes, subject, and a kindly estimation of the value of the work, as was promised in the editorial.

Harrison Ainsworth's declaration of peace with authors, rather than being unique, exemplified what Walter Houghton describes as a pervading critical spirit of the times:

Enthusiasm sets up a standard of judgment which may be called moral optimism. The right attitude is one which recognizes and praises whatsoever things are lovely, admirable, and hopeful in human life and human beings.27

The reviews in the magazine exhibit this enthusiasm and admiration. The admiration was for success, and success was measured by popularity, which meant "not merely as enjoying

^{25&}lt;u>Ibid.</u>, 1, 121. 26<u>Ibid.</u>, 9, 226-27.

²⁷W. E. Houghton, The Victorian Frame of Mind (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1957),p. 266.

the popular applause, but as being eminently...for the many-not exclusively for the few." The magazine was not directed toward a small group of literary intellectuals--it is doubtful that there was such a group in Victorian England of the 1840's; neither was it directed towards Chartist reformers or the working classes. Within its pages was entertainment and instruction for a prosperous middle class who wanted to move up in the social scale, acquire information and opinions and a veneer of culture. Therefore, the literary standards were, generally speaking, moral standards which the publication's writers shared with its readers.

A work was not considered on literary merit apart from the character of the author, when the author was known. (In the case of anonymous works, there was much conjecture about the probable identity and character of the author.) Thus, Bulwer-Lytton's books were recommended because Bulwer-Lytton was popular, and hard-working. He was familiar with his subjects, had a "clear, easy style," and "had been a zealous student of the best books."²⁹

A moral purpose, a lack of affectation, and, above all, accuracy were characteristics of an author which should shine through his works. Benjamin Disraeli and his novels

²⁸ Ainsworth's Magazine, 1, 116.

^{29&}lt;sub>Ibid.</sub>, 1, 186-87.

were admired by Ainsworth as expressions of the spirit of the times. Among the qualities admired was Mr. Disraeli's ability to present an accurate picture of conditions, "from his own observation, assisted by evidence received by royal commissions and parliamentary committees." Research was essential to authenticity, but the product of research was not to be the novel, but the ambience of the novel. A writer who had forgotten this was reminded, but gently, by the reviewer:

The writer's antiquarian lore is liberally drawn upon... Sometimes, perhaps, we feel that her work is a little overdone in this respect, and we lose sight of the character drawn in the elaborate descriptions of its costume; subordinate personages are also, by the same excess of external description, raised into an importance not warranted by the parts they perform. 31

G. P. R. James must have provided a special problem. He was successful, he was popular, he was industrious, his object was always to inculcate a moral, he was a careful researcher, he was a personal friend of Ainsworth, and he was a neighbor of the Duke of Wellington. While Ainsworth and his staff had different standards from ours, they were not without standards and not without taste. They knew the best that had been written and recognized when and why a work of fiction fell short. When James published his collected works, "revised and corrected," Ainsworth wrote a critique

^{30 &}lt;u>Ibid.</u>, 7, 541. 31 <u>Ibid.</u>, 1, 340.

which was, in the main, laudatory. James's effect on the mind, feelings, and morality of the reader was to ennoble and exalt; however,

Mr. James...is one of those authors who have nothing to erase but blots of a literary kind, perceptible, more or less, by all; nothing to strike away but redundancies or obscure passages; nothing to correct but imperfect narrative or misconstructed plot.

The careful use of words and the juxtaposition of ideas makes an interesting study in how "finding out what is good" can be made to serve the purposes of honest appraisal.

Historical romances; sporting, domestic, and social novels; travel books; scientific and pseudoscientific studies; and biographies were among the books with wide appeal, and they were given serious consideration in the magazine. Not only the books reviewed, but the reviews themselves, are an important part of the context of the writings of the novelists and prose writers of the era to whom we give our serious consideration today.

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             A 309
   A 167
             A 320
   A 184
             A 338.
   A 190
             A 349
   A 199
Bell, Robert (1800--1867)
   Editor of The Atlas, known for annotated
   edition of the English poets.
   A 86
   A 117
   A 151
   A 172
   A 178
   A 183
   A 207
Barrow, John (1808--1898),
  Second son of Sir John Barrow, educated
  Charterhouse, clerk at admiralty, keeper
  of records.
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A 105 A 130 A 140 Brown, Frances (1816--1879)
Born in county Donegal, d.
of a post-master, blind
since infancy, no regular
education, poetess, writer
of fiction.

LC Cat.
Ainsworth's
Magazine, Vol.
6, p. 504.

A 516

Calabrella, Baroness E. C.
Sister of "Golden Ball" S.
Hughes; title in her own B.
right through acquisition p
of property abroad; married
Thomas Jenkins late in his
life; friend of Lady Blessington
late in latter's life.

LC Cat.;
Sadleir's Lady
Blessington,
p. 12.

A 139 A 216 A 154 A 226 A 166

A 177 A 186 A 197

A 206

Carew, Charlton

A 525 A 546 No DNB No H & L No Boase No LC Cat

Carter, Henry (1821--1880).

artist, engraver; in London 1841--1848;
emigrated to New York, had name officially
changed to Frank Leslie, became publisher
of illustrated newspapers and pictorial
histories.

A 152

Chatelain, Mme Clara de (1807--1876); DNB nee Clara de Pontigny; m. April, 1843; musical composer.

A 84 A 236 A 343

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Costello, Dudley (1803--1865),
                                              DNB
   foreign correspondent and illustrator.
   A 35
   A 146
   A 445
   A 464
   A 483
   A 486
   A 549
   A 561
   A 579
   A 585
   A 590
   A 661
Costello, Louisa Stewart (1799--1870),
                                              DNB
   poet; novelist; painter of miniatures.
   A 7
   A 33
   A 57
   A 132
Crespigny, Caroline de
   A 537
   A 692
D'Orsay, Lady Harriette (1822--?
                                              DNB
   nee Harriet Frances Gardiner, daughter
   of Lord Blessington; married and sepa-
   rated from Alfred, Count D'Orsay, 1827;
   wrote verses and fiction.
   A 74
   A 82
Downes, Joseph
                                            LC Cat.
   Author of The Mountain Decameron,
   1836.
   A 94
   A 371
   A 383
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Dumas, Alexandre (1802--1870),
                                                DUL
   novelist and dramatist.
   A 447
             A 642
   A 466
             A 653
   A 481
   A 551
   A 564
   A 572
   A 581
   A 591
   A 599
   A 611
   A 619
   A 628
   A 635
Gallenga, Antonio Carlo Napoleone (1812 -- Boase
    1895), b. Parma; adopted pseudonym "Luigi Mariotti" while political
    prisoner; language professor America
    and London; naturalized in England
    1847; resumed own name except for
    writings; member of Italian Parliament
    1854--1864; world traveller; fiction
    and travel writer.
    A 560
    A 615
   A 622
    A 625
Gore, Catherine Grace Frances (1799--1861),
    nee Moody; novelist and dramatist.
    A 202
    A 212
    A 225
    A 239
    A 250
    A 262
Graham, Russell
                                             No DNB
                                            No LC Cat
    A 454
                                            No Boase
    A 463
                                            No H&L
    A 489
                                             No MoOT
  · A 510
                                            No GB
    A 667
  Hall, Anna Maria (1800--1881)
                                                  DNB
    nee Fielding, m. Samuel Carter Hall;
     novelist.
     A 276
     A 287
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LC Cat
Hervey, Charles
    Author of <u>Theatres of Paris</u>, article in <u>Longman's</u>, April 1885. Ellis
                                     Ellis.I.369.
    A 164
    A 189
    A 198
                                        CD's Letters
Hill, Benson Earle (d. 1845),
                                        (P), I, 215.
   artillery officer, actor,
   edited Monthly Magazine 1841-3.
 A 244
                                                 DNB
Hooton, Charles (?1813--1847),
   newspaper editor and novelist.
   A 220
    A 260
   A 361
   A-504
    A 582
    A 593
    A 604
    A 614
    A 655
    A 669
    A 679
    A 686
    A 693
    A 701
Horne, Richard Henry or Hengist (1803--1884), DNB
    editor, dramatist, critic.
    A 538
                                                 DNB
 Hughes, John (1790--1857)
     scholar, linguist, father of Thomas
     Hughes, used pseudonym Mr. Buller of
     Brazennose.
     A 17
     A 29
     A 40
Hughes, W.
    A 632
    A 641
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DNB
Hunt, James Henry Leigh (1784--1859),
   essayist, critic, poet, biographer of
   Byron.
   A 281
   A 292
   A 300
   A 313
   A 327
   A 337
   A 350
   A 365
   A 377
   A 381
   A 394
   A 405
Hutton, Catherine (1756--1846).
                                              CBEL
   novelist and compiler.
   A 279
James, George Payne Rainsford (1799--1860),
                                               DNB
   novelist and history writer.
   A 30
   A 42
   A 54
   A 500
   A 519
   A 528
   A 540
   A 550
Kenealy, Edward Vaughan Hyde (1819--1880),
   barrister, translator, poet.
   A 41
   A 59
   A 73
   A 81
   A 91
   A 129
   A 141
   A 218
   A 573
   A 627
   A 638
   A 645
   A 698
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Kingston, William Henry Giles (1814--
   1880), novelist and short story writer.
   A 514
   A 651
   A 659
   A 664
   A 682
   A 691
   A 697
 Lee, Jackson
                                      No LC Cat.,
                                         H & L,
    A 569
                                         Boase.
                                               DNB
Lennox, Lord William Pitt (1799--1881),
   4th son of 4th Duke of Richmond, aide --
   de-camp to Wellington for 3 years after
   Waterloo, devoted to sport and literature, .
   horse-racing, private theatricals;
   novelist.
   A 36
   A 363
Lynn, Eliza (1822--1898)
                                            Boase
   novelist; m. Mr. Linton, 1858, well --
   known as Mrs. Lynn Linton.
   A 605
 Mackenzie, Dr. Robert Shelton (1809--
                                               DNB
    1880), poet; biographer; compiler;
    first European correspondentafor
    American press: LLD Glasgow University.
    A 251
Maginn, William (1793--1842),
                                              DNB
    scholar, poet, parodist, fiction
    writer, editor, essayist.
    A 211
    A 224
    A 238
    A 249
    A 261
    A 272
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A 280 A 289 A 303 A 339

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		(17991869),	DNB
actor			
A 387			• •
A 400			
A 429			
A 448			•
A 490			
A 515			
	Thomas (178		<u>DNB</u>
		elley; retired	Captain
in the	e army.		
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A 10 A 25			
A 44	•		
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A 104			
A 157	•	•	
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A 242			
A 503			
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A 548 A 658			
A 050			
Resid	ed in Essex	-ca. 1885), , sportsman; f Bistern."	Boase; Berkeley, II, 90.
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Resid calle A 155 A 215	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley,
Resid calle A 155	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley,
Resid calle A 155 A 215 A 359	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley, II, 90.
Resid calle A 155 A 215	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley, II, 90. No <u>LC Cat</u>
Resid calle A 155 A 215 A 359 Morrison	ed in Essex d "Squire o , W. M.	, sportsman;	No LC Cat No DNB No Boase
Resid calle A 155 A 215 A 359	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley, II, 90. No <u>LC Cat</u>
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Resid calle A 155 A 215 A 359 Morrison A 636 A 650 A 700	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	No LC Cat No DNB No Boase No H & L
Resid calle A 155 A 215 A 359 Morrison A 636 A 650	ed in Essex d "Squire o	, sportsman;	Berkeley, II, 90. No <u>LC Cat</u> No <u>DNB</u> No Boase No H & L
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Ollier, Charles (1788--1859),
                                               DNB
  publisher, literary advisor, lecturer.
             A 440
   A 8
            A 459
   A 21
   A 106
            -A 469
            A 478
   A 227
            A 488
   A 247
            A 527
   A 275
            A 534
 · A 311
            A 554
   A 318
   A 332
   A 388
   A 399
   A 411
   A 426
Ollier, Edmund (1826--1886),
                                              DNB
   son of Charles Ollier.
      A 649
Oxenford, John (1812--1877)
                                              DNB
 dramatic author, critic, translator.
   A 188
   A 419
   A 496
Pardoe, Julia (1806--1862).
                                               DNB
   A 23
   A 45
   A 93
   A 121
   A 219
   A 235
                                 CD's <u>Letters</u> (P),
Payne, G. P.
   A Liverpool business--
                                 I, 247n.
   man who had spent 12
   months in America.
          A 504
   A 4
   A 19
   A 32
   A 58
   A 68
   A 83
   A 123
   A 134
   A 158
   A 230
   A 304
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Peake, Richard Brinsley (1792--1847),
                                                DNB
   dramatist.
   A 109
   A 345
   A 358
   A 414
Pitman, R. B.
   A Robert Birks Pitman is the author of
   The practicality of joining the Atlantic
   and the Pacific Oceans by a ship canal
   across the isthmus of America, 1825 -- LC Cat.
   A 264
   A 277
Polson, Thomas R. J.
                                           No DNB
                                           No LC Cat
                                           No H&L
   A 420
                                           No Boase
                                           No GB
Ponsonby, Eliza Skelton,
                                      Ainsworth's
   author of The Border Wardens
                                      Magazine, Vol.
   (see also Skelton, Eliza).
                                      5, p.336.
   A 677
Raymond, George (fl. 1845), biographer of R. W. Elliston.
                                              CBEL
           A 253
   A 95
             A 265
   A 116
             A 418
   A 135
             A 485
   A 148
            A 498 A
   A 160
  A 173
           A 501
   A 181
            A 517
   A 191
            A 567
   A 200
   A 205
   A 217
   A 229
   A 243
Reach, Angus Bethune (1821--1856),
                                            Boase
   editor, music and art critic.
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Reynolds, John Hamilton (1796--1852),
   poet, lawyer, friend of Keats, brother-
   in-law of Thomas Hood; wrote under names,
   "John Hamilton," "Nimrod," "Edward
   Herbert."
      A 288
      A 301
      A, 315
      A 323
Richter, Jean Paul Friedrich (1763--1825),
   German humorous writer.
   A 553
                                               GB
Robinson, Emma (1814--1890).
   novelist and dramatist; father was
   Joseph Robinson, bookseller; she died at
   London County Lunatic Asylum, aged 77.
   A 502
   A 509
   A 520
   A 531
   A 541
Roscoe, Thomas (1791--1871),
   translator.
   A 347
   A 384
   A 439
   A 484
   A 544
   A 594
   A 620
   A 675
   A 695
St. John, Percy Bolingbroke (1821--1889),
                                              DNB
   newspaper correspondent, translator;
   travelled in America.
   A 369
   A 385
   A 406
   A 424
   A 455
   A 506
   A 539
Savagė, Anna
                                         No DNB
                                         No Boase
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No H & L

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Savile, Charles Stuart (1816--1870),
                                            Boase
  4th son of 3rd earl of Mexborough;
   attache, British legation at Prussia,
   outlawed August, 1843; novelist.
   A 143
   A 430
   A 559
Scribe, Augustin Eugene (1791--1861).
                                            Scribe
   French dramatist, Historical novel,
   Piquillo Alliaga, shows influence of Sir
   Walter Scott.
   A 589
   A 596
   A 601
   A 616
   A 624
   A 631
   A 639
   A 644
   A 652
                                       Ellis, II, 69;
Skelton, Eliza (
   daughter of Major Skelton,
                                       Ainsworth's
                                       Magazine,
   Rayrigg Hall, Lake Windermere;
   became Mrs. Ponsonby, March,
                                       Vol.2, p. 572;
                                       Vol.5,p.336.
   1844 (see also Ponsonby, Eliza
   Skelton).
             A 267
   A 145
   A 168
             A 299
   A 180
   A 193
   A 204
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Smythies, Harriet Maria (? --1883), Boase nee Gordon, m. William Yorick Smythies March, 1842; novelist 1838--1880.

A 364

A 214 A 237 A 246 A 255

Stocqueler, Joachim Heyward (1801?--1885), compiler, writer and lecturer on India, newspaper correspondent in U.S. during Civil War.

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LC Cat.
Stone, Mrs. Elizabeth,
   novelist and writer of books on
   fashion, 1840--1865.
   A 13
   A 24
   A 122
                                              DNB
Surtees: Robert Smith (1803--1864),
   sporting novelist.
   A 241
   A 254
   A 263
   A 545
   A 555
   A 566
   A 575
   A 583
   A 595
Thackeray, William Makepeace (1811--1863),
   novelist.
   A 6
   A 47
   A 61
                                             LC Cat
Tolfrey, Frederic,
   sporting writer.
   A 256
   A 268
   A 521
Toulmin, Camilla Dufour (1812--1895),
                                               DNB
   afterwards Mrs. Newton Crosland.
   A 162
Tupper, Martin Farquhar (1810--1889),
                                              <u>DNB</u>
   popular novelist and poet.
    A 3
    A 16
                                           BM Cat;
Ward, Mrs. Harriet (
                                       Ainsworth's
    emigrated to Capetown, there
    edited book on emigration, 1849. Magazine,
                                       Vol.3, p.123.
    A 50
    A 60
    A 150
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Weaver, Arnheldt
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Webbe, Cornelius

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White, Mrs.

A 351

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Wright, Thomas (1810--1877), antiquarian scholar and historian.

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A 657

Wynter, Andrew (1819--1876), Boase b. Bristol; M.D. 1853, editor of medical journal, interested in problems of insanity.

A 633

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Author of Colin Clink,

see Hooton, Charles.

Author of Handley Cross,

see Surtees, Robert Smith.

Author of "Mornings in Bow Street."

A 407

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Author of Richelieu in Love,

see Robinson, Emma.

Author of Whitefriars,

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B., F. F.

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B., T. R.,

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A Crotchety Man.

A 147

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Effendi, Mahmouz

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Hamilton, John,

see Reynolds, John Hamilton.

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A 578

Lunette No Boase

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No H&L

No Thrall

No BMCat

No.LCCat

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See Gallenga, Antonio Carlo Napoleone.

A Matter of Fact-or

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Nimrod.

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Not Sam Johnson.

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Old Clo.

No H & L No Boase

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P., C. de. (Pontigny, Clara de?)

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PART III

ON INDEXING A VICTORIAN PERIODICAL

The decision to index Ainsworth's Magazine was made after reading Walter E. Houghton's "Reflections on Indexing Victorian Periodicals," in Victorian Studies. Walter Houghton, as General Editor, approved this project for inclusion in Volume II of The Wellesley Index to Victorian Periodicals, 1824-1900. When the University of the Pacific library was able to obtain only the first eleven of the twenty-six volumes of Ainsworth's Magazine, the agreement was to limit the thesis to a contributor and title index of those eleven volumes, with a supplementary book review index.

This thesis is intended to provide not only the product of the research, but also, as much as possible, the process. For that reason, the index in the thesis is a Xerox copy of the working cards. The format used in preparing the cards is that established by the University of Toronto Press for The Wellesley Index.

There are two chief research problems in an index of this kind: (1) the identification of contributors and (2) the attribution of anonymous and pseudonymous entries.

Walter E. Houghton, "Reflections on Indexing Victorian Periodicals," <u>Victorian Studies</u>, VII, 2 (December, 1963), pp. 192-196.

An example of how both problems were solved at once is the case of "The Aristocratic Rooks," signed, Andrew Winter. Winter was the family name of Manchester friends of Ainsworth, a fact one would have been better off not knowing, since it proved to be a red herring. Neither the standard biographical collections nor the Library of Congress Catalog of Books included an Andrew Winter. The British Museum General Catalogue of Printed Books included both A. Winter and Andrew Winter, but no information and nothing to indicate whether or not they were the same person. The story, itself, finally provided the clue. It concerned the spelling of the name, Smith, as S-m-y-t-h, which suggested the possibility of W-y-n-t-e-r. And there he was, Andrew Wynter, in all the standard reference works, with the information that he had published, under the pseudonym, "Werdna Retnyw," selections which first appeared in Ainsworth's Magazine. His published work, Odds and Ends, was sent for and was found to contain "The Aristocratic Rooks," and also "A Paper on Shop Windows," which had appeared anonymously in Volume 12 of Ainsworth's Magazine.

In another instance the magazine did more than provide a clue; it was a more accurate source of information than the standard references. This had to do with Mrs. Ponsonby.

² Ainsworth's Magazine, 10, 242-46.

author of <u>The Border-Wardens</u>. The Library of Congress <u>Catalog</u> and Allibone listed her merely as Mrs. Ponsonby, and since there was another Mrs. Ponsonby writing at this time, identification was further complicated. Andrew Block, in <u>The English Novel</u>, <u>1740-1850</u>, identified the author of <u>The Border-Wardens</u> as Catherine Ponsonby. Ellis, in his biography of William Harrison Ainsworth, had mentioned Ainsworth's friendship with a Major Skelton, of Lake Windermere, whose daughter contributed to the magazine. In the magazine were selections signed, Miss Eliza Skelton, with the announcement in the April, 1844, issue that Miss Skelton was now Mrs. Ponsonby. The review of <u>The Border-Wardens</u> offered avuncular advice to "one of our fair contributors." The identification could then be made with confidence.

To determine if one is inclined to undertake a project of this nature, reading both Walter Houghton's abovementioned article and Richard Altick's The Art of Research is useful. The latter should be read before starting the research and not referred to again; the emphasis on the problems and pitfalls at the same time one is encountering them tends to be overwhelming. If the reaction to these works is enthusiasm rather than ennui, one is at least temperamentally suited to the work.

³Ellis, II, 69. 4Ainsworth's Magazine, 7, 49.

Invaluable for understanding the attitudes and tone of the periodical writers are the following: Amy Cruse's Victorians and their Reading, Kathleen Tillotson's Novelists of the Forties, and Walter Houghton's The Victorian Frame of Mind. They provide a perspective against which to evaluate a particular periodical in terms of both contributors and audience.

A lively and consistently interesting account of the conduct of a Victorian magazine is Rebellious Fraser's, by M. M. Thrall. James Thurber's The Years with Ross is also helpful; the problems and process of combining the talents of the erratic and temperamental individuals who gravitate to periodical publication have apparently changed very little in the past hundred years. These books and, to a less extent, Royal Gettman's A Victorian Publisher, and some of the letters of Charles Dickens, written during the periods when he was editing magazines, make it possible to recognize what elements magazines have in common and deduce more accurately the conditions under which a specific magazine was produced. They make more intelligible what information is available.

During 1963 the Review of English Studies contained articles on Victorian periodicals--Cornhill's and Longman's-- and these provide some guides as to the sort of information about a periodical which is likely to be of interest.

In the search for biographical data on contributors,

the place to begin is the <u>Dictionary of National Biography</u> and the Library of Congress <u>Catalog of Books</u>. If the name is not found, Halkett and Laing, <u>Dictionary of Anonymous and Pseudonymous English Literature</u>, should be consulted on the theory that one may be dealing with a pseudonym. The next step is geographical: to the State Library for Boase's <u>Modern English Biography</u>, and to the closest library that has the British Museum <u>Catalogue of Printed Books</u>.

For the comparatively small list of names still unidentified, the search really begins. The names must be checked in all specialized biographical collections, e.g., Burke's Peerage, Alumni Oxonienses, Biographical Dictionary of English Catholics, also in book catalogues for the period in question. Biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, collections of letters of any of the men and women even remotely associated with the magazine are also possible resources. This is time-consuming but not as difficult as it would seem. Although many nineteenth-century books do not have indices, chapter headings usually include a resume of the contents. Further, one becomes adept at scanning for names. A remote association would include having had a work reviewed in the magazine. Collections of letters can be fruitful, as with Thackeray, who wrote his mother that Laman Blanchard had

reviewed his <u>Irish Sketchbook</u>, or merely annoying as with Disraeli, who referred in a letter dated May, 1844, to "a most unexpectedly friendly article in <u>Ainsworth</u>." By whom? Disraeli went on to name other contributors of other anonymous articles to other periodicals, but maintained an irritating silence on <u>Ainsworth's</u>.

For identifying the authors of anonymous contributions, there are four main sources: (1) Halkett and Laing, on the chance that the entry had been published, (2) the aforementioned biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, and collections of papers and letters, (3) published works of known contributors, and (4) any handwritten insertion of a name in a copy of the magazine. While not reliable by itself, the last-named provides some direction; it is always easier to determine the authenticity of a name than to track down anonymity. The search for holographic addenda necessitates writing to all libraries containing copies of the magazine in question and, hopefully, requesting assistance.

Stylistic evidence of authorship is not considered sufficient, although in cases where style, subject, motive,

The Letters and Private Papers of William Makepeace Thackeray, (ed.) G. N. Ray (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1946), II, 107.

The Letters of Benjamin Disraeli to His Sister, in Vol. XVIII of 20 vols.; The Works of Benjamin Disraeli, Earl of Beaconsfield. (London: M. Walter Dunne, 1904), p. 147.

and opportunity coincide and point to a particular writer, it is tempting to make an educated guess as to the identity. Such guesses, without outside evidence, are not included in this index.

Volume II of S. M. Ellis's biography of William Harrison Ainsworth was the most important single source of information about Ainsworth's Magazine. Ellis was an enthusiastic and loyal biographer with access to material much of which was unpublished and is no longer available. His approach to scholarship is casual. He felt, and perhaps rightly, that in too persistent checking for complete accuracy, one ran the danger of never getting anything written at all. Ellis rarely documents his information, and often the search for corroborative evidence turns up contradictions. For example, Ellis includes the review of Martin Chuzzlewit and The Christmas Carol in his bibliography of Ainsworth's writings, 7 yet four days after the review appeared, on January 4, 1844, Dickens wrote to Laman Blanchard apropos of The Christmas Carol:

...But I must thank you, because you have filled my heart up to the brim and it is running over. You meant to give me great pleasure, my dear fellow, and you have done it. The tone of your elegant and fervent praise has touched me in the tenderest place....

⁷Ellis, II, 353.

⁸ The Letters of Charles Dickens, ed. Walter Dexter (Bloomsbury: The Nonesuch Press, 1938), I, 558.

This letter is printed in volumes of Dickens' letters to which Ellis had access as well as in the memoirs of Laman Blanchard and of Douglas Jerrold, both written by William Blanchard Jerrold before Ellis wrote his book. He could scarcely have missed it.

Since this index was prepared, there is evidence that another entry in the magazine, "Strawberry Hill," may have been wrongly attributed to Harrison Ainsworth. In this case Ellis implies the source of his information was the Sale Catalogue of the contents of Strawberry Hill, in which catalogue the article was reprinted. Suspicion that Ainsworth did not write the article was aroused by reading the opening paragraph of "Strawberry Hill Revisited," signed by Dudley Costello.

Strawberry Hill is once more our theme. Diffuse as our account in last month's Number may have been, we feel that we have by no means done justice to the contents of this celebrated house.... We, therefore, resume the subject, with the intention of particularizing many of those objects of virtu which before we only glanced at.

The British Museum has a copy of the Sale Catalogue. The preface, written by George Robins, the auctioneer, refers to Ainsworth's turning his attention, in the magazine, to Strawberry Hill. A careful reading shows that nowhere does Robins say that Ainsworth wrote the article; the masterful ambiguity compares favorably with Ainsworth's own in

⁹Supra, A 22. 10Ainsworth's Magazine, 1, 168.

introducing Modern Chivalry to his magazine readers. 11

These discrepancies are presented to indicate the mistake of accepting any one authority as final. As mentioned earlier, the British Museum Catalogue has no cross references for A. Winter, Andrew Winter, and Andrew Wynter: the Library of Congress Catalog has J. H. Stocqueler as the pseudonym for J. H. Siddons when, in fact, Siddons is the pseudonym, Stocqueler, the real name. The Dictionary of National Biography includes "Shirley" as part of Charles William Brooks's Christian name, an error which Brooks's biographer, G. S. Layard, gleefully corrects. While such mistakes and omissions are noted, they do not detract from the value of these monumental compilations. And so it is with Ellis. He includes names and descriptions of Harrison Ainsworth's circle of friends and acquaintances, guest lists of dinners, and names of Ainsworth's companions on outings. Not least of the value is the knowledge, when indexing authors, that one is dealing with an actual person, not a pseudonym, and occasionally the only information available is that provided by Ellis.

This index is not complete. The search goes on for the identity of contributors, for those whose names have been forgotten and for those hiding behind pseudonyms or anonymity.

^{11 &}lt;u>Ibid</u>., 4, 1.

As general interest in the Victorians increases, there are constantly new resources available; new and more complete collections of correspondence and private papers, e.g., the Pilgrim Edition of Dicken's letters, reissue of works by and about the Victorians; they are all potentially valuable to the indexer. One develops a familiarity with the men and women as well as a sense of the immediacy of the period.

However, the index has a more utilitarian purpose than transporting the researcher to an earlier time. This index extends and sometimes corrects the bibliographies of seventy-two Victorian writers, with the titles of their articles; much of the information is not obtainable from any other source. The contents herein will be combined with similar indexes of the other Victorian periodicals to comprise The Wellesley Index, which will provide the most complete assembling of nineteenth-century periodical writers and their writings to be found. There is no question but that it will be an invaluable source of consultation for scholars interested in any aspect of Victorian life and ideas.

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