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Homme étrange, original et supérieur, mais qui, dès l'enfance, portait en soi un germe de folie, et qui à la fin devint fou tout à fait; esprit admirable et mal équilibré, en qui les sensations, les émotions et les images étaient trop fortes; à la fois aveugle et perspicace, véritable poète et poète malade, qui au lieu des choses, voyait ses rêves, vivait dans un roman et mourut sous le cauchemar qu'il s'était forgé; incapable de se maîtriser et de se conduire, prenant ses résolutions pour des actes, ses velléités pour des résolutions, et le rôle qu'il se donnait pour le caractère qu'il croyait avoir; en tout disproportionné au train courant du monde, se heurtant, se blessant, se salissant à toutes les bornes du chemin; ayant commis des extravagances, des injustices, et néanmoins gardant jusqu'au bout la sensibilité délicate et profonde, l'humanité, l'attendrissement, le don des larmes, la faculté d'aimer, la passion de la justice, le sentiment religieux, l'enthousiasme, comme autant de racines vivaces où fermente toujours la sève généreuse pendant que la tige et les rameaux avortent, se déforment ou se flétrissent sous l'inclémence de l'air. — H. TAINÉ.

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