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INTRODUCTORY

SAMUEL LANGHORNE CLEMENS, who lived and wrote under the pseudonym "Mark Twain," was born in Florida, Missouri, November 30, 1835, and died in Redding, Connecticut, April 21, 1910.

This bibliography of his printed work is not the place for an extended résumé of the literary value of his output; it is rather a catalogue to facilitate the researches of the many, present and future, interested in his writings. Little attempt will be made to distinguish between the individual characteristics of the various books or articles with regard to the quality of humor, moral teaching, interest, or probable value. Mark Twain has been variously regarded as merely an entertaining humorist, and as a great and profound philosopher; his own point of view probably changed with the years as his mental horizon changed and widened. A preface to one of his early works states: "I am not offering this work to the reader as either law or gospel, upon any point, principle, or subject; but only as a trifle to occupy himself with when he has nothing to do and does not wish to whistle."