

William and Henry James

Introduction:

Death within recent years of two famous brothers.

W. J. - 1910. ^{aged 68} H. J. 1916. ^{aged 73}

Most have heard of them. James' Psychology still standard text book. (Senior class R. C.)

"Many wrote novels that were as obscure & difficult to understand as psychology text books; and William wrote psychology text books that were more interesting & fascinating than novels."

As different as Possible. A contrast of personalities & some outline of their achievement to give you at least an interest in their work. Each in his own field an absolute master.

Skeleton of their lives.

William the older born Jan. 1842

Henry 15 mos younger born April 1843.
2 other sons 1 daughter.

Distinguished parents.
Henry James Sr. - father, a Theologian of no mean talent - ample means. Wrote on Theological subjects. N.Y. City.

Mother - Mary Welsh Irish & English extraction N.Y. also.

Childhood of the Brothers

Stimulating Family life.

Education, early past very queer. Family never in the same place 2 years together. Europe often - 3 or four times in boyhood Schools & tutors at London, Paris, Boulogne-Sur-Mer - Geneva. W. Always said he never had any education" but he learned French & Italian & a complete knowledge of German.

Henry's early efforts at writing. modest retelling - wrote story in wh. passage "The Thunder rumbled & the lightning followed" humorously teased by W. J.

Both boys painted. Toured life in Europe threw them on each other & on their own resources.

* Rodenick Hudson -

1875 goes to Europe for good. his love
for the sea.漫游 but finally settled
down in London to write.

Copious letters. Always answered fully.

1882-3 America -

Then back to London. Kensington. Chelsea
Then Rye. Lamb House.^(at 54) Hescribe. quote
His distinguished friends. knew all the
literary besides - French & English.
Merry life. many trips to Paris &
Italy - wh. latter was always his passion.
Condeebog Dog. Morning work. At first
by hand then use of others or poor
health by dictation. apologizes for typewriting
afternoon. rest. exercise etc
Evening letters. till long past midnight.
Visits of Brother & his family to Rye -
The Bond bet. the Brothers - but the diff.
great est. in con. with age. towards
Europe & America quote.

Their work.

Henry difficult - subtle. Picturesque English
- His Passion for Art. His characters
are people of the world who conceive
of life as a fine art & have leisure to
carry out their theories.

Social wide. race. class.

Scenic Impressionist

Represents a cosmopolitan outlook.
quietly modulated characters.

No parables. long, long involved paen-
thetic sentences, getting worse as he
grew older.

Recommended. Portrait of a lady
Roderick Hudson
The Point of View.

William Luis clear. impatient of technicalities
His attitude towards brother's writings.

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The last years of William.

Hesitate search for health, in Europe.

Death 1910

The last years of Henry, changed in 1916 to Englishman
by own vol. in Chelsea church.

Conclusion.

All can. people should have some know-
ledge of these brothers. A great work.
Brilliant minds. Intellect - refinement
absolute products of the best kind of
civilization.

Difference in temperament of Brothers

Henry - slow, deliberate, modest reserved artistic

William - alert, fiery, demonstrative - every fibre vitalized

(Dr Small Bay and others)

John never bored him.

W. J. received M.D. at Harvard 1870 (beat him up W. J. only - bare H. J.) 2 yrs later appointed lecturer at Harvard in physiology & anatomy there 35 years. later Prof. of Phil. & Psych.

Marriage. Alice Gibbons. 5 children. one died in babyhood. John Henry written his life & sees His summer house. frequent trips abroad. His love for America - new

Hampshire hills.

His book in Psychology. wife. friend - ship with other psych. Josiah Royce Hugo Münsterberg etc. The stimulating intellectual life at Cambridge. The people he met & lived with.

Gifford lectures at Edinburgh.

list of Books. not long.

The Will to Believe 1897

Principles of Psych. 1890

Human Development 1898

+ Tales to Teachers 1899

Varieties of Religious Experience 1902

Preparation a new name for an old way of thinking.

However degree Princeton, Padua, Edinburgh & Harvard.

Takes up H. J. went to Harvard 1862 law.

Family moved permanently to Cambridge. literary friends. W. D. Howells. C. E. Norton Alcott Hewitt. Before time writing for magazines.

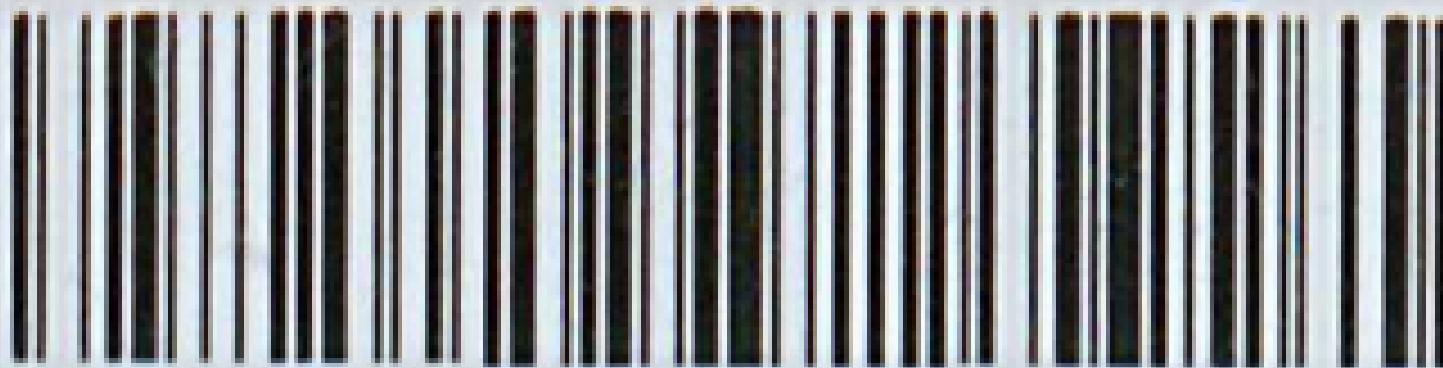
1868 went to Europe - wandering very fit. lots in letters. Came back but seems for the old. 1872 again to Europe.

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