

CHAPTER LII.

PRINCIPAL AUTHORS OF THE HANOVERIAN PERIOD.

JOSEPH ADDISON, 1672-1719—essayist and poet—chief poem, *Cato*, a tragedy—chief prose writings, essays in *The Spectator*.

RICHARD STEELE, 1675-1729—essayist and dramatist—started the well-known periodicals *The Tatler* and *Spectator*.

DANIEL DEFOE, 1661-1731—journalist and novelist—chief works, *Robinson Crusoe* and *Great Plague of London*.

ALEXANDER POPE, 1688-1744—poet—chief works, translation of *Homer*, *Essay on Criticism*, *The Dunciad*, *The Rape of the Lock*, and *Essay on Man*.

JONATHAN SWIFT, 1667-1745—clergyman—chief works, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Tale of a Tub*, and the *Drapier Letters*.

JAMES THOMSON, 1709-1748—poet—chief work, *The Seasons*.

HENRY FIELDING, 1707-1754—novelist.

SAMUEL RICHARDSON, 1689-1761—novelist—chief work, *Sir Charles Grandison*.

LAURENCE STERNE, 1713-1768—novelist—chief works, *Tristram Shandy* and *The Sentimental Journey*.

THOMAS CHATTERTON, 1752-1770—poet—wrote under the name of "Rowley" several poetical essays when a mere boy—died by his own hand when eighteen years old.

TOBIAS SMOLLETT, 1721-1771—novelist and historian.

THOMAS GRAY, 1716-1771—poet—chief poem, *Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard*.

OLIVER GOLDSMITH, 1728-1774—poet—chief works, *The Traveller*, *The Deserted Village*, and *The Vicar of Wakefield*, a novel.

DAVID HUME, 1711-1776—historian and philosopher—chief work, *History of England*.

JUNIUS—the anonymous author of a series of famous Political Letters, the publication of which began in 1769. No positive clue to the real authorship of these Letters has ever been discovered.

SAMUEL JOHNSON, 1709-1784—essayist—wrote in *The Rambler* and other periodicals—author of the first great English Dictionary.

ADAM SMITH, 1723-1790—writer on political economy—chief work, *The Wealth of Nations*.

WILLIAM ROBERTSON, 1721-1793—historian—chief work, *History of Scotland*.

EDWARD GIBBON, 1737-1794—historian—wrote *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

ROBERT BURNS, 1759-1796—poet—"the bard of Scotland"—chief poems, *Tam o' Shanter*, *Cottar's Saturday Night*, etc.