



The Poetical Works of Joseph Addison; Gay's Fables; And Somerville's Chase: With Memoirs and Critical Dissertations (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Poetical Works of Joseph Addison; Gay's Fables; And Somerville's Chase: With Memoirs and Critical Dissertations Joseph Addison, the Spectator, the true founder of our periodical literature, the finest, if not the greatest writer in the English language, was born at Milston, Wiltshire, on the 1st of May 1672. A fanciful mind might trace a correspondence between the particular months when celebrated men have been born and the peculiar complexion of their genius. Milton, the austere and awful, was born in the silent and gloomy month of December. Shakspeare, the most versatile of all writers, was born in April, that month of changeful skies, of sudden sunshine, and sudden showers. Burns and Byron, those stormy spirits, both appeared in the fierce January, and of the former, he himself says, 'Twas then a blast o' Januar-wind Blew welcome in on Robin. Scott, the broad sunny being, visited us in August, and in the same month the warm genius of Shelley came, as Hunt used to tell him, from the planet Mercury to our earth....



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