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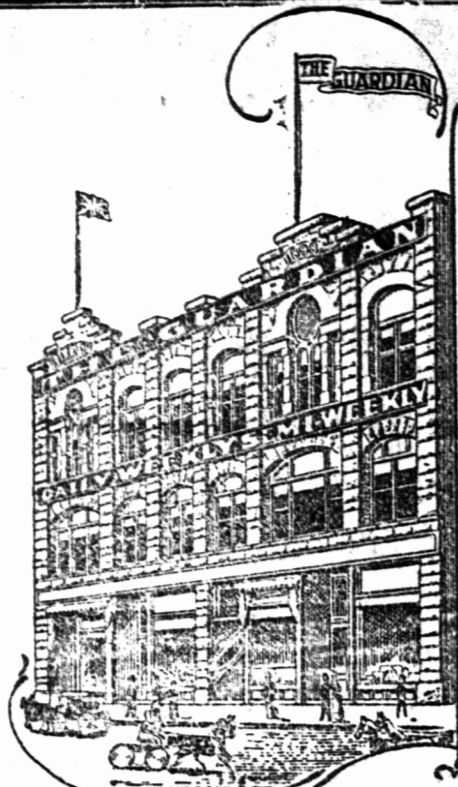
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EMILE ZOLA.

The death of Zola removes from the world of literature a writer whose genius fascinated while the subject matter of his work repelled. The splendid illuminative power of his art swept the social life of France like a calcium ray and focused itself with morbid eccentricity upon the revolting, the repulsive and obscene. Many of his works were only saved from the garbage heap of literary filth by the extraordinary vividness of delineation, which elevated the literary technique to the plane of art, and by the moral repulsion engendered by the revelation of vice stripped of its tinsel and paraded in all its hideous sordidness and hopeless misery. With the courageous disregard of consequences of which consummate confidence in the power of his art made light, he selected as the theme of one of his best known novels, Le Debacle, the downfall of his country in 1870, and gave to the world a weird and loathsome picture of the decadent France that fell such an easy prey to its stolid and heavy-headed Teutonic neighbors, together with the ghastly misery and humiliation of the agonizing period that preceded the birth of the new republic. It was not nice reading for the pro and

sensitive nation, but even the sickening and saddening degradation of the spectacle revealed in a mass of closely studied detail was not incompatible with the preservation of a gleam of admiration for a people whose national heroism had survived such an ordeal. Not even Tolstoi has presented War in more soddenly repulsive guise than did Zola in Le Debacle, and Verestschagin's Apotheosis was romantic in suggestiveness compared with the convincing realism that sheared "la gloire" of its last vestige of attraction for other than the brutalized instincts of a savage. Yet there were no preaching pages in Le Debacle such as make the conventional "novel with a purpose" tiresome reading as a rule. Zola did his picture writing and left the scenes to preach their own lesson.

Zola will be remembered as much as for his literary work for the courageous manner in which he championed Dreyfus when feeling ran so high in France that the author had to temporarily exile himself until the storm of popular denunciation had spent its force. To him in a great measure was due the tardy justice meted out to the unfortunate prisoner of Devil's Island.

SAD CLIMAX OF SELFISH LIFE.

There is something more than pathos in the spectacle of Sarah Bernhardt raging and wailing because age is coming upon her. It contains a moral lesson as well. And it may be said, with no pretension to copy-book sapience, that the lesson is this:

Any life that is devoted almost exclusively to Self must inevitably culminate in an unhappy age, however many may have been the specious pleasures of its earlier years.

So it is that the French actress, approaching sixty, is beginning to learn that all her triumphs and glories have been Dead Sea fruit. Bernhardt has given her life to Self, whether you call it art or by any other name. She has sacrificed home, love and all that makes life precious to the normal woman. She has had renown, glory and riches.

And, now that she is growing old, she finds that the riches are worthless and the glory tinsel. Sacrificed to Self, her life has been above all things lonely. Now as the years come on apace, she longs perhaps, for companionship, for sympathy, for that one touch of humanity, lacking which she has had no kin in all the world. But it is too late. Even art, having taken her best, is turning its back upon her. Too late has Bernhardt discovered that she is "but yet a woman."—Exchange.



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