

SMITH, JAMES and HORACE, a celebrated literary duumvirate, were the sons of Robert Smith, solicitor to the board of ordnance, and born respectively in London, Feb. 10th, 1775, and Dec. 31st, 1779. James was articled to his father, was subsequently taken into partnership, and eventually succeeded to his business as well as to his official appointment. Horace became a member of the stock exchange. Perhaps no two situations in life could at first sight appear less favourable to the cultivation of the muses than a lawyer's desk and Capel Court; but James and Horace Smith triumphed over obstacles that would have crushed less genial natures, and went on from step to step till they left their names deeply graven in the literature of their time. Their first effusions were contributed to the Pic Nic newspaper, established by Colonel Greville, in 1802. They also wrote largely for the Monthly Mirror and the London Review, and some of their best vers de société appeared in the New Monthly Magazine, while under Thomas Campbell's editorship. But the work by which the brothers are best known, and by which they will be longest remembered, is the "Rejected Addresses," which appeared on the reopening of Drury Lane Theatre in 1812, and of which twenty-two editions have been sold. The popularity of this work appears to have satisfied the ambition of the elder brother. But soon afterwards Horace became an indefatigable novel writer. He commenced his novels with "Gaieties and Gravities" in 1825, and ended them with "Love and Mesmerism" in 1845; and with-

in these 20 years he also gave to the public "Brambletye House," "Tor Hill," "Reuben Apsley," "Zillah," "The New Forest," "Adam Brown," &c., all of which were well received. James Smith died in London, Dec. 24th, 1839; Horace died at Tunbridge Wells, July 12th, 1849.

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Dear Cadell

The bearer of this
Mr Regnier is a French
gentleman for whom, many
years ago, we had some
Professional Receipts to
be made. He informs
me that he has written
some work which he is
desiring of publishing
and has requested me
to give him an introduction
to you. He is former

Inter course with him, I
had every Reason to be
well pleased with his
Temper and Deportment.

Believe me
very truly Yours
James Smith