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A FURTHER NOTE ON C. P. MORITZ.

I have spent much time over Moritz, in days gone by, and have included some notice of his book in my *Foreign Visitors in England* (Elliot Stock, 1888), with your permission I will contribute a word or two as complement to Mr. Dobson's article.

Moritz was a self educated man. He became a somewhat noted grammarian and man of letters. He tried several careers, and appears to have been a volatile character, perhaps quarrelsome. He was a schoolmaster in 1782, at the period of his travels to England. In 1784, he held a professorship at Berlin, and gave some successful lectures on the German language, history, and belles-lettres. This position he relinquished in 1786, and travelled into Italy. He presently made the acquaintance of Goethe, and of Angelica Kauffman. Being reduced to poverty, Goethe assisted him pecuniarily, and sent him back to Berlin; where he obtained the professorship of fine arts and archæology. The *Academy* of December 1st, notices a paper read at the Goethe Society, in which are some memoranda of Moritz's connection with Goethe. Moritz died in 1793, aged only 36, after having published several other writings, including a curious semi-biographical psychological work, *Anton Reiser*, a supplement to which was afterwards added by Kischinig (1794), avowedly as a fuller notice of Moritz's career.

The "young lady" who made the translation of the *Travels* was

probably the daughter of Mr. Leonhard, long resident in London, who is alluded to in the letter of 9th June.

The *Quarterly Review* of July, 1816 (pp. 542, *et seq.*) has quoted Moritz.

EDWARD SMITH.

A very complete account of Moritz is given in the *Allgemeine Deutsche Biographie*, and his *Travels* is largely quoted from, in an anonymous article in *Cornhill*, vol. 46, p. 706, *et seq.* Moritz's "dearest Gedike" was the German Dr. Arnold of his day.—Ed.

THE EARLY WRITINGS OF WILLIAM MAKEPEACE THACKERAY.

THE first number of *The Library* contains a notice of my little book, which finishes with the words: "The whole book should have been incorporated in proper form in the larger work—*The Bibliography of Thackeray*, which is advertised with it." The reviewer's mistake is not unnatural, but I shall feel obliged by your allowing me to state that I have never had anything to do with the anonymous work advertised at the end of my volume, and that it was only by an error of the publisher that the advertisement was inserted.

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CHAS. P. JOHNSON.

HENRY R. PLOMER.—We thank you for your letter, but as the errors you point out were corrected some time ago it would serve no good purpose to publish it now.—Ed.

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