

## COMMENDATIONS

OF

## DR. N. WEBSTER'S BOOKS.

## AMERICAN DICTIONARY.

## BRITISH NOTICES.

The following is an extract from the Liverpool Mercury of May 29th :—

## BEST ENGLISH DICTIONARY.

To the Editor of the Liverpool Mercury.

"SIR: I am always happy, if I can, in any way, co-operate with those, who like yourself are anxious to aid the laudable pursuit of knowledge and self-improvement. By far the best English Dictionary—indeed the only one to which appeal can now be made as an authority—is Webster's; an American publication, republished in London, in two quarto volumes."

JAMES MARTINEAU.

"This Dictionary is decidedly one of the most valuable and important works at present in the course of publication. No library can be considered complete without it."  
—*Bristol Journal*.

"We repeat our opinion, that it is the most copious, accurate, and scientific Dictionary of our language, which has hitherto been compiled."  
—*Aberdeen Journal*.

"This publication will go far to remove the unjust prejudices which prevail in this country against the literature of the Americans."  
—*Aberdeen Observer*.

Professor JAMEISON of Edinburgh has remarked, that "the American Dictionary of Dr. Webster is as great an improvement on Johnson's Dictionary, as the latter was on those of his predecessors."

"We are happy to announce the reprint of Dr. Webster's incomparable English Dictionary, by the able and indefatigable Mr. Barker, of Thetford. When it is as well known in Britain as it is in America, it will supersede every other book in the same department of letters. Indeed its excellence is obvious and indisputable. The attention

of literary men should be invited to this work; and the public should encourage the undertaking, which is of so national a character, and so near an approximation to what has been long regarded as the grand desideratum in English literature. It abounds with etymological lore, Oriental and European. It contains definitions of technical and scientific terms, according to the present principles of art and science. In this important respect it is distinguished from Todd's *Johnson*, in which thousands of such terms are either not inserted, or are explained on exploded principles. It contains uniform systems of orthography and orthoepy, founded on the justest analogies. It has a "Dissertation on the Origin, History, and Connection of the Languages of Western Asia and of Europe."  
—*Cambridge Independent Press*.

"The veteran Webster's work is new in this country; but, as far as we can judge, it seems to justify the highly favorable character it has long maintained in North America; and our own view of it is corroborated by that of a learned friend and critic, who does not hesitate to say, that it is the best and most useful Dictionary of the English language that he has ever seen."  
—*Examiner*.

"SIR: I have this moment read with much pleasure, your judicious commendation of Dr Webster's English Dictionary, and beg to add for the information of your scientific readers, that in this unrivaled work all technical terms are explained in so satisfactory and complete a manner, as to constitute an *encyclopedia in miniature*; and that, while the learned author's definitions are correct, furnishing just so much illustration as is necessary to comprehend the word under discussion, he has most wisely rejected that prodigality of quotation, which increase the price and cumbrousness of Todd's *Johnson*, without a proportionate increase of the utility of the work.

justing them, and by pursuing these, we do all that can be done. We approximate to the desired end. We believe it to be impossible to find, or make an elementary book to which some persons would not object. But this book, with the last corrections of the author, combines more advantages, and has fewer exceptionable points, than any book of the kind we have seen. We, therefore, cheerfully recommend its adoption as a work, in our opinion, the best adapted to effect a general uniformity in this department of elementary instruction, and to do away the serious evils resulting from the multiplicity of works on this subject, which are now in use."

John Borland, William Belden, William Sherwood, A. Mills, A. M. Merchant, M. Hoyt, John Dowdney, jr., J. D. Wickham, E. W. Morse, L. D. Dewy, Rufus Lockwood, Alpheus Bixby, J. M. Holley, Joseph Belden, N. Dunn, jr., Jacob T. Bergen, Luther Jackson, Benjamin Mortimer, jr.

"The undersigned entertains, in general, a great respect for the 'American Dictionary' of Noah Webster, LL. D. He regards it as, in several respects, superior to any preceding dictionary of the English language, and as well worthy of general patronage."

SAMUEL MILLER.  
PRINCETON, *April, 24, 1830.*

PHILADELPHIA, *April 26, 1830.*

"In my judgment, the 'American Dictionary,' by Noah Webster, LL. D., is the most comprehensive, learned, accurate, and valuable work of the kind, which has ever been published in the English language."

EZRA STILES ELY.

"From the examination which I have been able to give Webster's Dictionary, I am disposed fully to concur in the above favorable notice."

G. T. BEDELL.

"Mr. Webster's American Dictionary, is, in my judgment, a noble product of learning, and deserves the most liberal patronage."

THOMAS H. SKINNER.

"Noah Webster, LL. D., is a writer who, for his accurate and critical acquaintance with the English language, has few if any equals, probably none in this country, and as he has been long engaged in this field of labor, and given the most abundant proofs of his learning and his untiring industry, in the judgment of the subscriber, his efforts are deserving, at the hands of his countrymen, of an extended and liberal patronage."

E. P. SWIFT.

PITTSBURGH, *May 11, 1830.*

"In the above recommendation I heartily concur."

R. BRUCE,  
Prin. W. U. Penn.

"In the above sentiments we heartily concur."

JOSEPH STOCKTON,  
JOHN KELLY,

Principals of the Allegany Academy.

"It may be safely asserted, that Noah Webster, LL. D., as a lexicographer, justly claims precedence over all his predecessors. His habits of research have enabled him to do more than all others in ascertaining the genius and regulating the principles of the English language; and with these indisputable qualifications, he is entitled to the unqualified praise and patronage of his countrymen."

N. R. SMITH,

Principal of the Allegany High School.

"In the above sentiments I heartily concur."

JOHN CASHEY.

Teacher, Pittsburgh.

"I cannot forbear adding my humble testimonial in favor of Dr. Webster. His Spelling-Book, together with several others of his works, was almost exclusively used by me and my associates, as our elementary class-books: and since I have been engaged in the business of general teacher, I have had additional motives to approve and admire both the works and the author. The superiority of his American Dictionary over every other work on the subject of lexicography, will be acknowledged, and the work introduced without any further recommendation than a cursory examination."

ISAAC GUERNSEY,

Teacher, Pittsburgh.

"I have examined the venerable Noah Webster's Quarto Lexicon, and tender with pleasure the homage of my unqualified approbation of this stupendous effort of human industry and learned research. This book is certainly entitled to a decided precedence over all other dictionaries that have heretofore been published."

RICHARD HENRY LEE.

MAYSVILLE, *Ken., May 13, 1830.*

"In the above remarks I most heartily concur."

ADDISON MINER.

TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY,

*Lexington, Ky., May 15, 1830.*

"For the English Dictionary of Noah Webster, LL. D., I entertain in general a very high opinion. It displays learning and research. As this work will probably promote increased attention to the all-important study of our own language, I think it worthy of general patronage."

A. WOODS, President.

"We most cordially concur in the above opinion of Dr. Woods."

J. DUNHAM,  
O. S. HINCKLEY,  
B. O. PEERS.