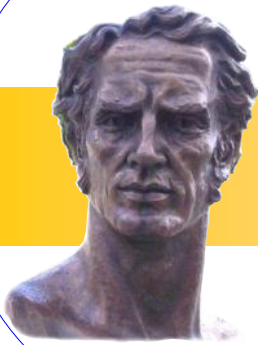




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IN MEMORY OF HUGH McDONALD ANDERSON 1927—2017

Preloved treasures

As editor of the Henry Lawson Society member magazine, The Lawsonian, I was notified of the death earlier this year of Hugh Anderson, editor of The Last Letters of Adam Lindsay Gordon. John Adams wrote a short piece about Hugh for insertion into the September edition of The Lawsonian, and all went to print.

The story could have ended there, but within a day of receiving John's tribute to Hugh, I happened to be trawling through the Brotherhood Books website, looking for anything of interest. As a writer and poet, I went straight to Poetry and Drama, then to Rare and Collectibles. I hate to miss anything!

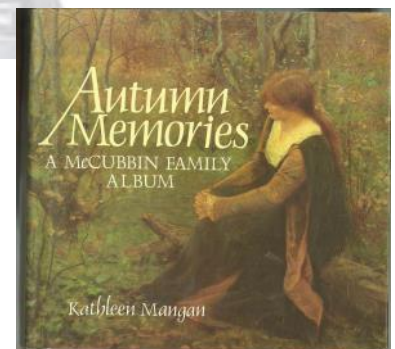
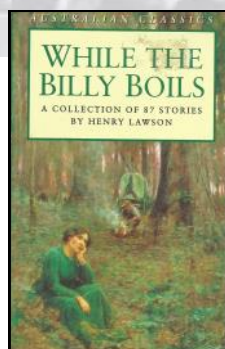
Amazingly, a hard copy edition of The Last Letters was listed, complete with dust jacket and loose plastic cover. Unable to resist, I snapped it up immediately (the joy of Brotherhood Books is that they cost very little) and emailed John to tell him of my find. John replied to congratulate me on my purchase and to my absolute delight, generously attached a copy of the John Shaw Neilson Society Inc. July 2017 tribute to Hugh Anderson, written by their President Graham Dunkley. "You might like to include this in your copy of the book", wrote John.

My copy of The Last Letters has indeed been loved. Pencil annotations by the previous owner are scattered throughout the book and for me, this is one of the pleasures of purchasing a second hand copy. It now sits alongside a 1923 edition of Poems of AL Gordon, that according to the flyleaf, was a gift 'To dear Mother, wishing you many happy returns of the day', dated 26.1.29.

So now, thanks to John, my copy of The Last Letters has a printed obituary tucked inside – for me to treasure – until my grandchildren decide to clean out Grandma's numerous bookcases and donate the book back to The Brotherhood. Then someone else may have the pleasure.

Leigh Hay,

Editor, The Lawsonian.



NOTICES

Sunday 24th September 11:00am to 2:00pm The 11th Annual General Meeting of The Adam Lindsay Gordon Commemorative Committee Incorporated will take place at:

The Lane Restaurant alcove meeting room, rear of The George Hotel, 27 Lydiard Street North, Ballarat. All are welcome. Why not stay the weekend in Ballarat?

The meeting will start at 11:30am followed by a Pizza lunch at 12 noon.

V/Line Trains on the Sunday depart from Southern Cross Station at 8:16am and at 9:16am arriving in Ballarat at 9:40am and 10:52am respectively. **(As Per New Timetable Started 27 August)**

Returning to Melbourne, departing Ballarat for Melbourne at 2:18pm 3:18pm and 4.13pm

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The next monthly meeting of the Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society will be on Saturday 16 September 1:30 to 4:00pm when winners will be proudly announced and prizes presentations will be made to the winners from 3 categories of our National Henry Lawson Society Award 2016-2017.

Poetry: 156 Entries; Free Verse: 47 Entries; Short Story 61 Entries.

Sponsors: Trustees of the Vera Moore Foundation.

Venue: St Francis Church Hall
Rear of St Francis Church
Cnr. Lonsdale and Elizabeth
Streets, Melbourne City.
Entry via the Elizabeth Street
car park.

Contact:

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<http://henrylawsonociety.org/>



Saturday 21st October. Sunday 22nd October The 10th Toolangi C.J. Dennis Poetry Festival. Also celebrating the

centenary of C.J. Dennis' book "The Glugs of Gosh" presented after dinner on Saturday 21st October by Society members performing the roles of the various characters - King Splosh, Queen Tush, Sir Stodge, Joi, Sym, the Mayor of Quog, etc.

Contact: Jim Brown

Secretary

The C.J. Dennis Soc. (Inc)

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Dingley Dell Cottage.
Port MacDonnell S.A.
Phone Allan Childs
0408 382 222



Mount Gambier Choral Society - Showcase 2016

Winners of The Adam Lindsay Gordon Award Perpetual Trophy
Donated by Allan and Jenny Childs of Dingley Dell.

1. Georgia Pratt
2. Jayden Prelc
3. Chloe Williams

The 2017 Event will be held

Monday 28th August - Saturday 2nd September 2017

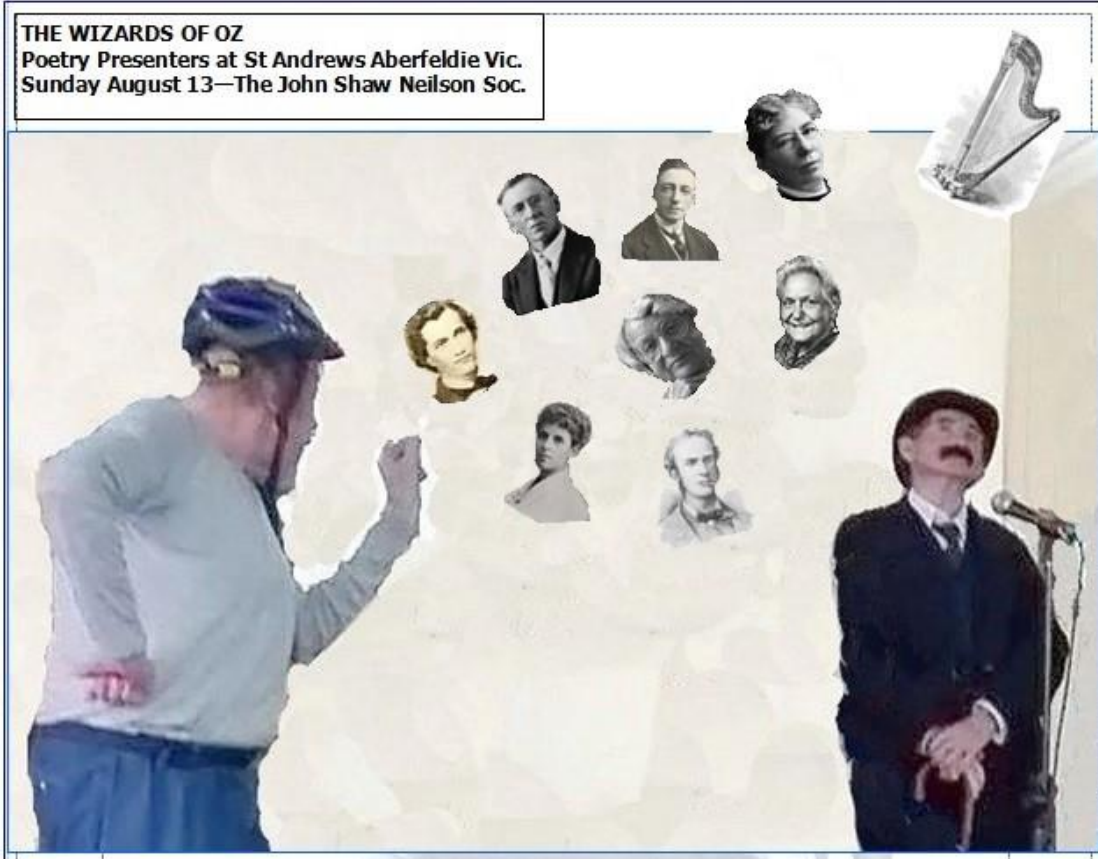
Penola Coonawarra Arts Festival Held in May Annually.

Festival 2017 WINNERS

Poster design competition for next year's event. Sophie Henschke From Penola High School
John Shaw Neilson Acquisitive Arts Prize Winner-Penny Dowie-For "The Young Widdow"
based on his poem "Old Granny Sullivan". John Shaw Neilson Local Prize winner-
Dagney Strand for "Vanishing Point" based on his poem "The Land Where I Was Born".
J.S.N Highly Commended Prize-Susie Riley based on his poem "The Sun Is Up".



THE WIZARDS OF OZ
Poetry Presenters at St Andrews Aberfeldie Vic.
Sunday August 13—The John Shaw Neilson Soc.



Graham Dunkley

James Howard

The JSN Wizards of Oz once again showcased a range of Australian Poets through recitation, performance and music. It was great to involve a number of Poet's Organisations including the Henry Lawson Society, C.J. Dennis Society and the Adam Lindsay Gordon Commemorative Committee. Performers included :



Richard Tate



Maree Butler

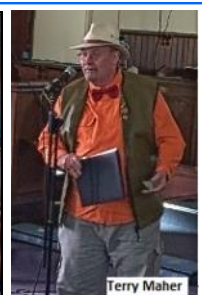


Stephen Whiteside

Maggie Somerville



Mary-Jane Wylie



Terry Maher



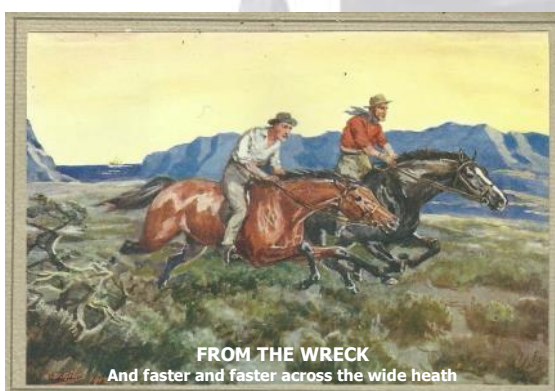
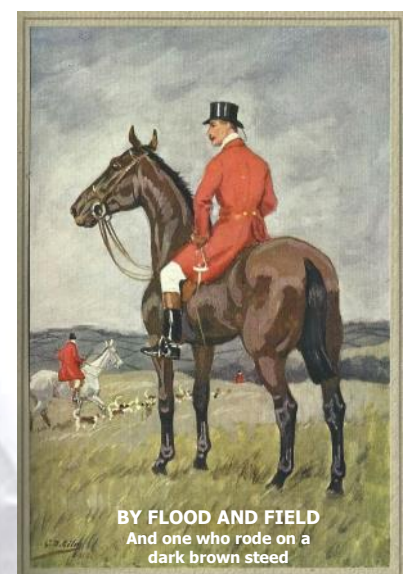
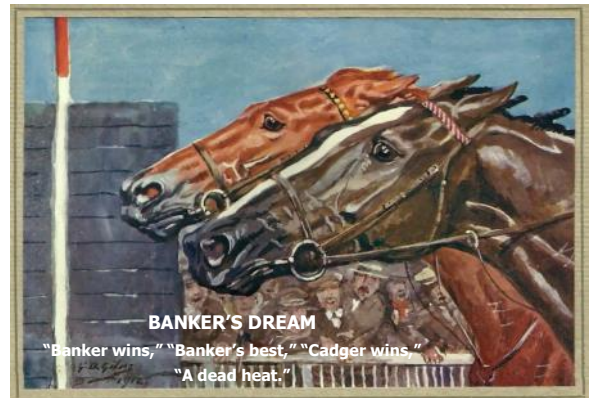
John Adams

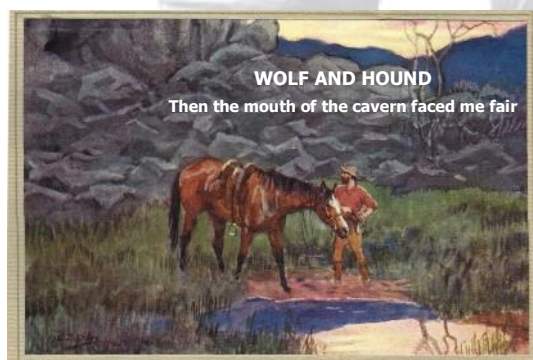
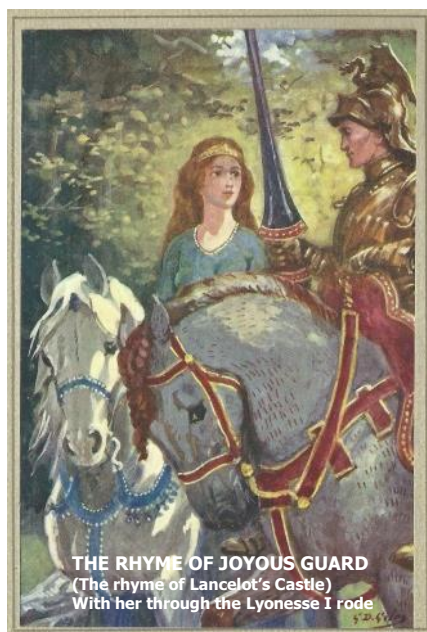
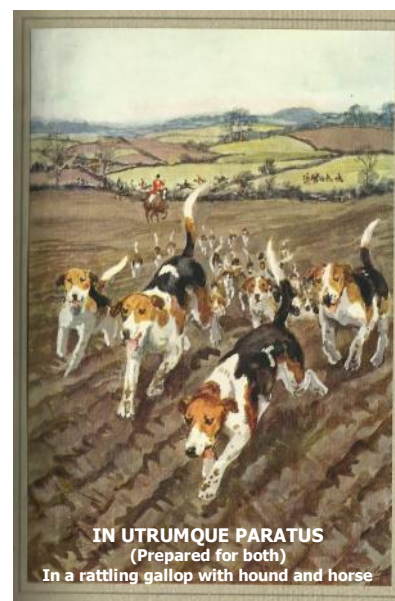
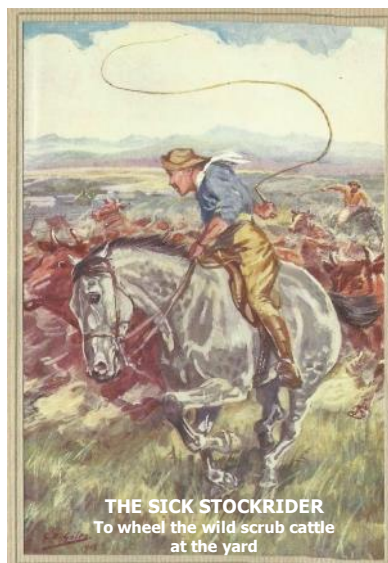
PHOTOS BY MURRAY PARKER

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BY CAPTAIN GODFREY DOUGLAS GILES 1912

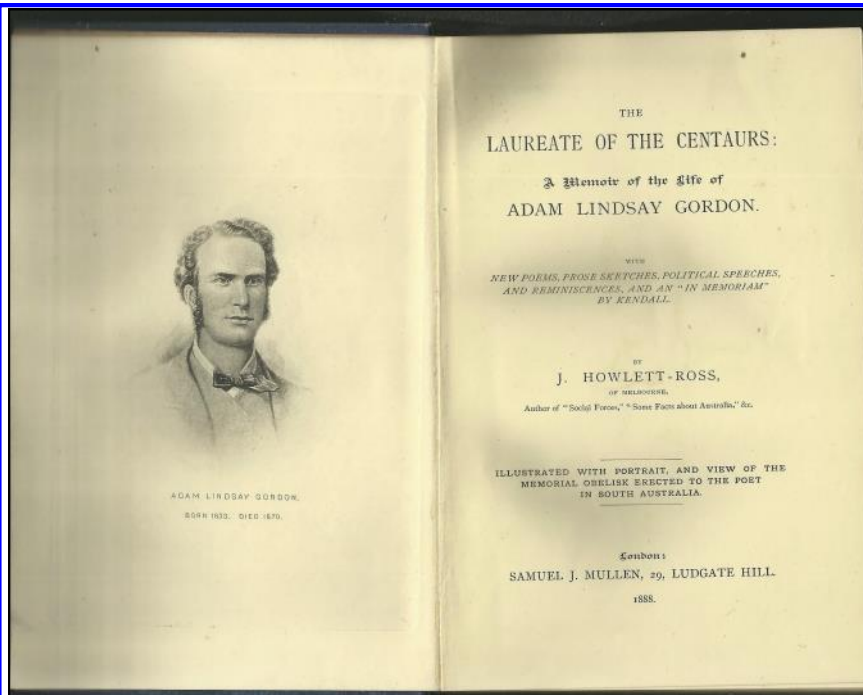
For "The Poems of Adam Lindsay Gordon" by T.N. Foulis-London & Edinburgh
The 1913 Edition





Godfrey Douglas Giles 1857-1941 was a painter of horses, military scenes and battles, many experienced firsthand while on service with the British Army in India, Afghanistan, Egypt and South Africa. He went to the same school, Cheltenham College as Adam Lindsay Gordon. (Entered Feb 1869). He was awarded the Queen's South Africa Medal on 12 February 1903. (From Wikipedia).

We wish to thank our Committee Member Virginia Barnett for donating this book to our library.



In 1886, a young man, J. Howlett Ross, who was later to become the Chief President of the Australian Natives' Association, spurred by the principles embodied in the desire to Advance Australia, devoted much of his time to write a book on Gordon and his works.

He titled the book "The Laureate of the Centaurs"

It was a penetrative story and put the spot light on "Australia's Greatest Poet" for ever more.

J. Howlett Ross, the pioneer of Gordon's biographers had made a significant break through in revealing Gordon in his rightful place in Australian literature.

J. Howlett Ross was a journalist and world renowned elocutionist.

The book was published in England in 1888 and remarkable were the immediate consequences thereof. Mr Ross, who was in London at the time received a letter from a Mrs Lees who wrote: "I am an old woman and a grandmother but not too old to remember that I shared the sorrow of the parting in those verses to Inez".

She Admired Gordon, but knew not of his regard for her until the time of his departure from England.

Needless to state she grieved for and thought of him. It was thus that she prepared a beautiful wreath of white English wild flowers and asked Mr Ross to place it on Gordon's grave at Brighton, Victoria, Australia.

Mr Ross duly returned to Australia and in a letter to the 'Australasian' advised that he proposed to place the wreath on Gordon's grave on Saturday 25th June 1892 "about 3 in the afternoon".

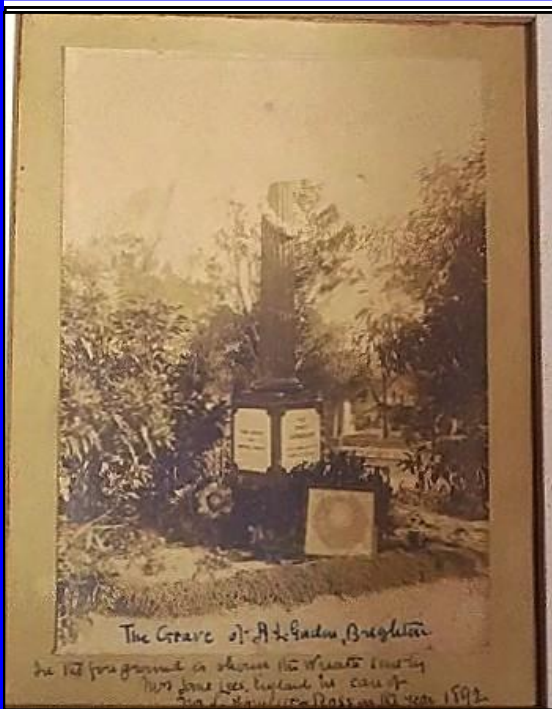
With no further publicizing Mr J. Howlett Ross duly arrived to pay the tribute to Australia's greatest poet. To his surprise 100 others had assembled to bear homage to "a shining souls".

This was thus the first pilgrimage to Adam Lindsay Gordon's grave in the Brighton Cemetery.

In 1916 the 4th annual pilgrimage was held. Wreaths from ANA Branches in Wangaratta, Rutherglen, Richmond and Chiltern were included in the great pile of wreaths placed on the grave. The Chief President Mr Ostrom presided.

In 1917 the pilgrimage was arranged to coincide with Wattle Day—the first Sunday in September, Mr Hack, Vice President of the ANA presided.

In 1917-18 the ANA initiated moves to bring about the establishment of a special Australian section in all Public Libraries in the State of Victoria.



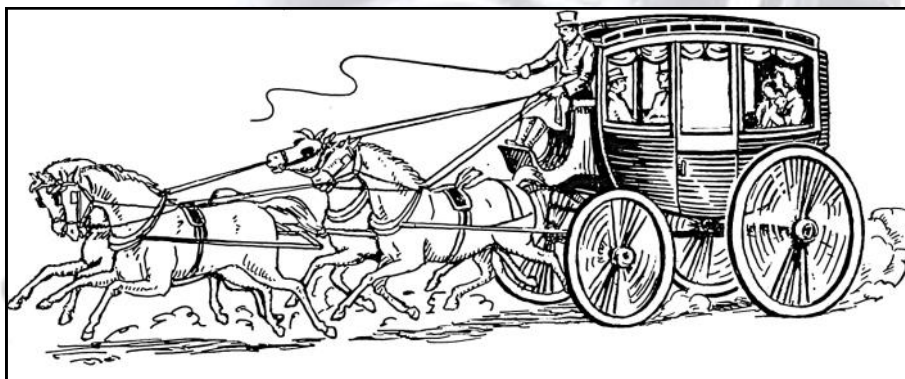
From The Gold Museum Ballarat Collection-
Showing the floral wreath of Jane Lees

In 1922 at the wish of Mr Smithers Gadd, Trustee of A.L.Gordon's grave, the ANA agreed to accept the honor of having the trusteeship of the grave and holding in trust the title deeds of the grave. The Association was represented on the Gordon Memorial Committee with Vice President Dave Black as representative in 1930

The unveiling of the memorial statue of Gordon in Spring Street Melbourne by the Premier, Sir Stanley Argyle took place on the 30th October 1932 before an assemblage of 1000 persons. Mr George Holland a Director of the ANA Board had the honor to commit to the care of the statue to the Parliament of Victoria. The ANA had been closely associated with the committee since the inception in 1912. Senator Blakey, a member of the Board of Directors, was the Secretary of the Committee. Likewise Syd Watson, General Secretary of the ANA and Mr Arthur Collis represented the ANA on the Gordon Memorial Committee which published the famed Gordon Memorial Volume containing the most sumptuously printed edition of Gordon's poems ever published.

The ANA has ever appreciated and recognised the great Australianism of Adam Lindsay Gordon's poetry.

Notes by John E Menadue. B.A. Dip. Ed. Retired High School; Teacher. Member of The Australian Poetry Lovers' Society; Past Federal President of The Australian Natives' Association and member of The Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society.; Author of A centenary history of the Australian Natives' Association 1871-1971; The three lost children, 1867-1967 / compiled for the Daylesford and District Historical Society; The Federal Inland Development Organisation 1960-1967 Kindly supplied by Committee Member Elizabeth Wright, daughter of John e. Menadue.



Once upon a time, before the steam-horse had obtained footing on English soil, a certain stage coach held four inside passengers.

One of these, a stout lady, turning to a gentleman seated next her, begged him to open the window; he complied, of course, but a thin man sitting opposite complained of the draught, and insisted on the window being shut; the gentleman obeyed with alacrity, but the change had scarcely been effected when the corpulent fair one cried out that she was dying of suffocation, and should instantly expire unless the window was re-opened, and re-opened it was accordingly; the next moment the more attenuated male protested that the cold air was killing him, and that he was just on the point of death.

The gentleman, being puzzled, not to say perplexed, applied to the fourth occupant of the carriage, a friend who had hitherto taken no notice of the discussion. "What shall I do?" he inquired, "if I shut the window to save the lady's life I shall kill the man." His travelling companion made answer, "Keep it open till one dies, and keep it shut till the other dies, and we shall have peace." (As told by Adam Lindsay Gordon)

Honouring the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Henry Lawson in the Melbourne CBD.

Henry Lawson Born 17 June 1867 Grenfell Goldfields NSW

Died 2 September 1922 Sydney NSW (Aged 55)



WHEN BUBBLES BLOW

When bubbles blow around him now,
Our thoughts will build a bridge
Across the years. Strong it will stand.
Or Google take us on a merry ride
To find him at full gallop, or repose,
At venues now, like this, enshrined within our hearts.
They challenge us to give him voice;
Hear once again his stories and his songs
Of action and delight. What he did,
And saw, and wrote, enlivened many minds.
No one but he could ride a steeplechase
Across a page and, even losing, win.

With life's great sorrows, Gordon was assailed;
Arrows of fortune pierced and pierced again
The man of action. But his verses flower
Like wattle, which we bring to show
How greatly loved he was, and will remain.
He will surprise us with expressive lines
That float and shine like bubbles blowing here.
The wind will take them to their journey's end.
Bursting, they challenge more and more to come.

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SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2017
AT THE PAUL MONTFORD STATUE OF
ADAM LINDSAY GORDON 1833-1870
A PIONEER OF AUSTRALIAN POETRY
AND CHAMPION JOCKEY



Weston Bate
16th June 2017