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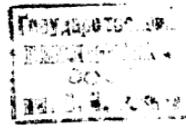
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is hard to tell what has or has not been issued in the shape of literature during the past forty or fifty years, and therefore one may not say positively that there has been no life of Nelson produced since the publication of the first volume of "Nelson's Dispatches and Letters" by Sir N. Harris Nicolas in 1845.

If a strong, well-written book on Nelson's career, embodying all distinctive and important points in Nicolas and Pettigrew, is in existence in the English tongue, it is unknown to me. In my hunt after materials for this volume I have met with the following: the rude and primitive biographies of White, Charnock, and Churchill, written very shortly after Nelson's death, crowded with inaccuracies conveyed in the diction of Grub Street, and plainly designed at the time to serve as catch-pennies; the volumes of Clarke and M'Arthur, which, though it be necessary to refer to them in writing about Nelson, have long since ceased to be valued as authoritative; the "Life" by Harrison, that is no better than a romantic view of the Hero from a Della-Cruscan or Rosa-Matilda standpoint, a book inspired