Lord Chesterfield To His Son

A. About Letter-Writing

Bath, October 4, 1738.

My Dear Child—By my writing so often, and by the manner in which I write, you will easily see that I do not treat you as a little child, but as a boy who loves to learn, and is ambitious of receiving instructions. I am even persuaded, that, in reading my letters, you are attentive, not only to the subject of which they treat, but likewise to the orthography and to the style. It is of the greatest importance to write letters well; as this is a talent which unavoidably occurs every day of our lives, as well in business as in pleasure; and inaccuracies in orthography or in style are never pardoned but in ladies. When you are older, you will read the "Epistles" (that is to say Letters) of Cicero, which are the perfect models of good writing. A propos of Cicero, I must give you some account of him. He was an old Roman, who lived eighteen hundred years ago; a man of great genius, and the most celebrated orator that ever was. Will it not be necessary to explain to you what an orator is? I believe I must. An orator is a man who, having an oration to be spoken, is called upon to speak it. He reasons well, has a fine style, and chooses his words properly. Now, never man succeeded better than Cicero in all those points. He had the talent of the whole people of Rome assembled; and, by the force of his eloquence, persuaded them to whatever he pleased. At other times, he used to undertake causes, and plead for his clients in courts of justice, and in those causes generally had all the suffrage, that is to say, all the opinions, all the decisions, in his favor. While the Roman republic enjoyed its freedom, he did very signal services to his country; but after it was enfeebled by Julius Caesar, the first Emperor of the

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORDS

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BAN
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