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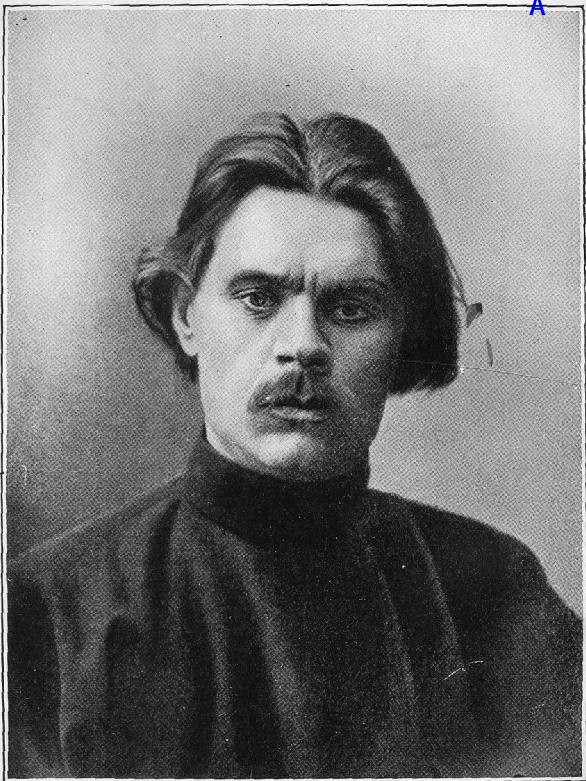


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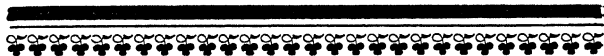
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INTRODUCTION



T CANNOT BE DENIED that the academic expression "Literature" is an ill-favoured word. It involuntarily calls up the *Antithesis of Life, of Personal Experience, of the Simple Expression of Thought and Feeling.* With what scorn does Verlaine exclaim in his Poems :

"And the Rest is only Literature."

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