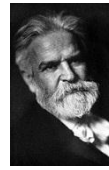


# AMERICAN LITERATURE ~ 2ND SEMESTER

## ANTI-NATURALISTS



## LECTURE NOTES



### EDWIN MARKHAM

Markham's style of countering the pessimism of the Naturalists:

- He believed in the possibility of man solving its great social & economic problems

Wrote his famous poem while he was working as a school principal in California

His poem was inspired by a French painting he saw in *Scribner's Magazine*.

One renown poem

- The Man with the Hoe  
Key Feature – Rhetorical Questions

### WILLIAM SIDNEY PORTER

Known as O. Henry – pseudonym

Became a licensed pharmacist, then a bookkeeper, then a bank teller

Accused of stealing bank funds, he spent time in jail where he used his time to write

- By the time he was released after three years, he was a professional writer!
- His pseudonym – O. Henry – supposedly came from a prison guard

Porter's style of countering the pessimism of the Naturalists:

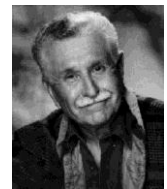
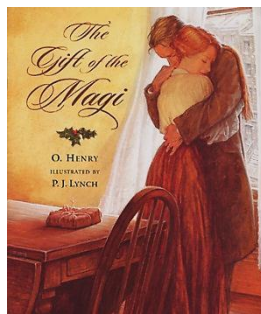
- He showed the stark realities of life like the naturalists, but he put a hopeful & positive spin on it!
- He showed the pain and sadness, but didn't stop there – he added humor

Prolific Writer of Short Stories

- *The Gift of the Magi*
- *The Ransom of Red Chief*
- *The Cop and the Anthem*

Features of his stories;

- Surprise endings
- Irony
- Humor



### FANNY CROSBY

Blinded at 6 weeks old from bad treatment for an eye infection

Maintained a positive attitude toward her "disability"

- Positively influenced by her grandmother in her earliest years
- and later by Mrs. Hawley, the landlady

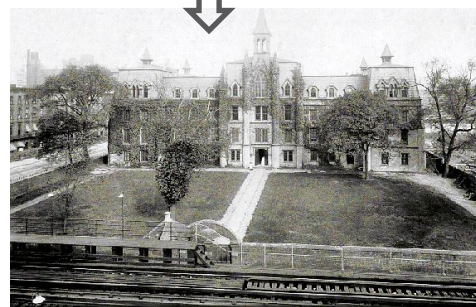
Possessed a phenomenal capacity to memorize!

Studied & taught at the **New York City Institute for the Blind** for over twenty years

Spoke before Congress to promote education for the blind

Prolific Writer of Poems & Hymns

- Pass Me Not
- Draw Me Nearer
- More Like Jesus Would I Be
- God of Eternity
- All the Way My Saviour Leads Me
- Blessed Assurance
- To God Be the Glory



### ELLA WHEELER WILCOX

Popular Writer of Poems during the era

- Solitude
- Worthwhile

