ON THE RULE OF THE ROAD
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A.G. GARDINER: As an essayist

English journalist, editor & author

Born: 2\textsuperscript{nd} June 1865, Chelmsford, Essex, England

Prominent Works: Pillars of society (1913), Pebbles on the shore (1916),
leaves in the wind (1918), Sir William Harcourt (1922), Certain people
of importance (1926).

Under the Pseudonym, Alpha of the Plough, regular contribution to
the Daily News, The Manchester Evening News and the Star

Style: Forceful, Fluent & persuasive style

Use of device- Rhetoric, Paradox & anti-climax

Insight of the psychologist and the fervor of the moralist

Words are the masterpiece of diction & craftsmanship
Meaning of liberty:

Relation between individual and social liberty points out a balance between the two—for decent and good living. It is the small matter of conduct, in the observance of the rule of the road that we pass judgment upon ourselves & declare that we are civilized or uncivilized.
ESSAY: ON THE RULE OF THE LAND (KEY POINTS)

Messages through examples

- A story about a stout lady and old lady with the basket down the middle of the street in Petrogard
- A person may like to practice on the trombone......
- A person is free in choice of school to send his child for study
- A car driver blows his horn noisily
Critical Appreciation

- Instructive social Essay
- Matters of social importance: Liberty, rights, and observance of others
- Deductive purpose: teach ordinary civilities and rules of conduct to human beings
- Simple, lucid, conversational style
- Narration, description and reflection are used
- Use of humor, metaphor and similes
- Exquisitely felicitous prose add to the charm of essay
Important Questions

- Discuss the importance of rule of the road in the essay of A.G Gardiner
- A reasonable consideration for the rights and feelings of others is the foundation of the social conduct. Discuss
- Discuss liberty is not a personal affair only but a social contract
- Critical appreciation of the essay “On the rule of the Land”
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