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### **The Works Of Alexander Pope Esq.**

In Nine Volumes Complete. With His Last Corrections, Additions, And Improvements; As they were delivered to the Editor a little before his Death

Containing His Translations And Imitations

**Pope, Alexander**

**London, 1751**

VII. Of Dr. Swift, The happy life of a country parson

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## VII.

DR. SWIFT.

The Happy Life of a COUNTRY  
PARSON.

**P**Arson, these things in thy possessing  
 Are better than the Bishop's blessing.  
 A Wife that makes conserves; a Steed  
 That carries double when there's need:  
 October store, and best Virginia, 5  
 Tythe-Pig, and mortuary Guinea:  
 Gazettes sent gratis down, and frank'd,  
 For which thy Patron's weekly thank'd:  
 A large Concordance, bound long since:  
 Sermons to Charles the First, when Prince; 10  
 A Chronicle of ancient standing;  
 A Chrysoftom to smooth thy band in.  
 The Polygott—three parts,—my text,  
 Howbeit,—likewise —now to my next.  
 Lo here the Septuagint,—and Paul, 15  
 To sum the whole,—the close of all.



He that has these, may pass his life,  
 Drink with the 'Squire, and kiss his wife ;  
 On Sundays preach, and eat his fill ;  
 And fast on Fridays——if he will ;  
 Toast Church and Queen, explain the News,  
 Talk with Church-Wardens about Pews,  
 Pray heartily for some new Gift,  
 And shake his head at Doctor S——t.

