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Literary Chronology series. This work also includes four black-and-white maps of appropriate areas of England and Scotland, twenty-four biographical sketches of "Persons of Importance in Wordsworth's Life," a twenty-five-item bibliography of sources, and thorough indexes to subjects and Wordsworth's poetry and prose. Although Pinion finds Mark L. Reed's *Wordsworth: The Chronology of the Early Years, 1770-1799* (Harvard, 1967) and *Wordsworth: The Chronology of the Middle Years, 1800-1815* (Harvard, 1975) "probably too acronymic and conjectural for all but those who wish to specialize in Wordsworth biography" (p. 235), Reed's works remain definitive for the period covered. Over half of Pinion's work covers the period following 1815 (a projected third volume of Reed's will cover the later years), and he does add some facts drawn from recent publications (including Beth Darlington's *The Love Letters of William and Mary Wordsworth* [Cornell, 1981]). He does not, however, provide the discussion and documentation Reed does in extensive footnoting, source references, cross-references, and appendices. Reed also includes a chronological listing of Wordsworth's works with cross-references to the main chronology. The index in Reed's book fails to list every reference in the text; Pinion's is exhaustive.

Pinion's work will be useful to those seeking an outline of events in Wordsworth's life and for its coverage of the later years; Reed remains essential for the scholar. [R: Choice, Dec 88, p. 622; WLB, Sept 88, pp. 90, 92]

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Pinion covers selected facts of Wordsworth's life in this volume of G. K. Hall's