‘That Provincial Genius’*

JOHN GALSWORTHY

[13 November 1917] Lunched with Pinker¹ to meet D. H. Lawrence, that provincial genius. Interesting, but a type I could not get on with. Obsessed with self. Dead eyes, and a red beard, long narrow pale face. A strange bird.

* From H. V. Marrot, *Life and Letters of John Galsworthy* (London: Heinemann, 1935) p. 433.

NOTES

John Galsworthy (1867–1933), novelist and dramatist. Lawrence wrote an essay on Galsworthy (first published in *Scrutinies* in 1928; reprinted in *Phoenix*) in which the novelist’s later work is condemned as ‘purely commercial’. Galsworthy’s reactions to *Sons and Lovers* are contained in a letter written on 13 April 1914—Edward Garnett, *Letters from John Galsworthy, 1900–1932* (London: Jonathan Cape, 1934) p. 218.

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The Lawrences at Home†

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It was probably at Koteliensky’s house in Acacia Road, St John’s Wood, that my first meeting with Lawrence took place. I had recently moved from Yeats’s maisonette in Woburn Buildings to a house in St. James’s Terrace, Regent’s Park, a few minutes’ walk from Acacia Road. Lawrence used to come to lunch with us sometimes, when he was staying with Kot.

† From *Life Interests* (London: Macdonald, 1948) pp. 84–6.