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4. This is the one I have already mentioned. Consideration of the argument from style.

a. The further that integration is carried, the smaller is the possibility of making a reasonable judgment on the basis of style. Here are two books. Are they by the same man or by different men--well, go through and compare and see how one expresses an idea and compare it with the other. Here you have a book on wanderings about in the country and here is another book on discussion of political and economical theories. Are they by the same author or by different authors. You cannot tell since they are dealing with two different subjects. You might find a paragraph that is about identical with one that is about the same as found in the other book but with a whole a book you have approximately the same idea expressed. If you find a man has a habit of using a certain approach and then in the other you find a similar thought but quite differently expressed, you soon have clear evidence of a different author. So it takes a rather reasonable size and body of material. Ill. of have _____Baker who edited the papers on Woodrow Wilson, famous book of social theories and then we have David Greyson who wrote a book of adventures and contentment and anybody picking up the two books could tell the two apart immediately but they are written on highly different subjects and therefore shouldn't be alike. Of course if you found something else on the same subject you might think that they were written by the same man because of course Greyson and Baker are the same man. When he wrote in one field he used one name and when writing in another field he would write a with a different but if you get something written on the same subject, then you can make a fair comparison.

192 If you have ch. 1-39 and then 40-66 you can ask what are the differences and what are the similarities and for a long time there were people busy pointing out similarities and others were busy pointing out differences and Driver comes along and says the similarities don't prove anything but the differences prove the difference in author. Of course this is a very extreme statement, but the fact of the matter is that you have differences in style in the twoź sections and remarkable similarities and we could spend a month or two comparing them and trying to make a decision on the basis of style but that is not necessary becuase it is divided up into such a much smaller section on the basis of style.

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