

In Memory of John Milton

(Concluded)

This edition contained all the poems publisht twenty-eight years before, together with additional poems since that date. On Sunday, the 8th of November, 1674, Milton died. He was buried next his father, in the chancel of St. Giles, Cripplegate, being followed to the grave by "all his learned friends in London, not without a friendly concourse of the vulgar."

Of Milton's appearance and habits in the latter years we have the following description: "A friend says he found him in a small chamber hung with rusty green, sitting in an arm-chair and drest neatly in black, pale but not cadaverous, his hands and fingers gouty, and with his feet resting upon a stool. He used also to sit in a gray coarse cloth coat at the door of his house, in warm summer weather, to enjoy the fresh air; and so, as well as in his room, received the visits of people of distinguisht parts as well as qualities.

His domestic habits were those of a sober and temperate student. He once delighted in walking and every exercise, and, after he was confined by age and blindness, he had a machine made to swing in for the preservation of his health. His routine for the day consisted in reading from the Hebrew Bible, taking some exercise, dining, singing and playing upon the organ or bass viol, entertaining his visitors and, after a pipe of tobacco and a glass of water, retiring to bed."

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