

Original Poetry.

(For The Church.) ON EARLY RISING.

"Awake, thou that sleepest." Up from my couch of slumber early starting...

AN EVENING WITH ROBERT SOUTHEY.

It was but seldom he left his beautiful home at Keswick—and he might almost be termed a hermit poet...

At that period I was a mere tyro in literary matters, and felt a species of awe while in the presence of even the smaller fry of authors.

On entering Mr. Cottle's little parlor, after greeting my kind host, a gentleman, whom I recognized instantly from the portraits I had seen of him, rose, held out his hand to me, and accosted me by name.

The personal appearance of Robert Southey was very striking. He was, as I have intimated, tall and slightly built. His forehead rather receding and not, phenologically speaking, indicative of great genius.

There were several other visitors who had been invited to meet Mr. Cottle's distinguished guest. Amongst them, Walter Savage Landor, the celebrated author of Pericles and Aspasia, and the Imaginary Conversations.

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"My dear Miss Cottle," said he, "do call me Mr. Southey, or Robert, as you used to do 'lang syne'; but not 'Doctor.' I dislike nothing so much as that among old friends."

We spent a pleasant hour over the crockery—but all of us know that tea table conversation is not easily transferable to paper. I am no Boswell, and so the reader must imagine a conversational melange—an olla podrida of opinions, passed enough while passing over the mental palate, but leaving nothing either very nutritious or substantial behind.

By degrees, we all of us began to feel more of home—even the stiffness of that deep-mouthed Botoian, Savage Landor, as the author of Child Harold calls him, wore off; and he discoursed eloquently of Italy and paintings, and his favorite home at Fiesole.

The day after the party at Mr. Cottle's, I accompanied Mr. Southey to see the house in which he was born, and which he wished to show to his son; we then made a call on the Bishop of —, at Clifton.

Alas! it was even so. His brain was torn out. "The fervent spirit, working out its way, fretted the puny body to decay. And 'er informed its tenement of clay."

To the last he retained his old affection for his books. The way into his library he easily found, and thither it was his wont to repair; and he would sit with a black letter volume open on his lap, gazing on one page for hours, and at times moving his fingers as if making written extracts.

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and every limb was as stiff as if there were no life in him. When taken away, he would open one eye a little, to see where abouts he might be; but if he caught a glimpse of the cage, it was instantly closed, and he became as stiff as before.

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