POETRY

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

The flowers were all faded, the branches But when misfortune ame to pass, The foliage was fled, and its beauty was

The first falling snow flutter'd light in Through all this weary world, in brief,

The roses had wither'd, no fragrance was

knell of the year.

The woodbine was leafless and lonely and drear,

Clung the vine as the winds moan'd the close of the year.

To my favourite bow'r where I oft had

breathe,

To the glories of summer the pride of the year.

fiv rov'd. How chang'd was the bloom-the hue O Now drear!

they mov'd; Whisper'd, weep not for us-tis the close of the year.

Soon the storms of the winter shall pass and the spring In its beauty and freshness and fragrance child.

appear; (?) In this bow'r, flow'r enbosom'd no longr thou lt mouin,

the year.

shall fade;

No longer weep over the close of the

A LAY OF REAL LIFE.

"Who ruined me ere I was born, Sold every acre, grass or corn, And left the next heir all forlorn?

"Who said my mother was no nurse, Till infancy became a curse?

Who left me in my seventh year, A comfort to my mother dear, And Mr Pope the overseer?

Who let me starve to buy her gin, "I'll all my bones came thro' my skin, Then called me ugly little sin?

Who said my mother was a Turk, But managed half my meals to shirk?!

Who of all earthly things would boast He hated others brats the most, And therefore made me feel my post?

Who got in scrapes an endless score And always laid them at my door, Till many a bitter pang I bore ?

Again with father to reside,

Who marred my stealthy urchin jops, Girls always hector over boys-

Who used to share in what was mine, Or took it all did he incline, Cause I was eight, and he was nine?

And gave me sixpence, all he had,

But at the stall the coin was bad?

Who gratis shared the social glass, Referred me to the pluno? Alas!

Who ever sympathised with grief, And December's chill gales sigh'd the Or shared my joy- my sole relief.

CASE OF A LOST CHILD.

Upon the 22nd of June a female child one of them. parents would be forthcoming. No ap- tlecock with the poor infant. parish officers of St Mary, Ethelburga, is. their Vestry clerk, to have anything to tempt to get over this by a quibble. doubt that it was in that parish alone she delivered to the Overseers de novo? was seen. The facts having been stated Mr Payne .- They will not take it. house, his Lordship and a brother ma. refuse, a proceeding by indictment.

pealed against. Mr Payne appeared for the respondant, to support it.

Mary Ethelburga upon being applied to us. In thy winter, the grave, sinks the glory clerk. The expense was then thrown off bear upon the question. Yet thou shalt arise, and in splendour re-there were very few claims, upon those Counsel. the question, but he felt confident that The poor child has been christened in faults; but since I have discovered your And Physicked me and made me worse, the court would confirm the order, it be the workhouse, Mary Ethelburga. ing admitted upon all hands, that in case My Grandmother of child dropping in a parish, if the set-

that parish to give it maintenance.

lieved, been heard some time ago at Middlesex Sessions, where it was decided My Uncle, that the order had been rightly made. Mr Bodbin, for the appeal, contended

that the child had a claim upon the pahave come, and the question was, where 1. Not to marry a young woman. not see how the parish of St Mary, Eth-less they really desire it,

My Brother priety in protecting the child, which it or fashions, or men, or war, &c. would appear from the animus with 5. Not to be foud of children. Who stroked my head, and said good lad which this is met, might otherwise have 6. Not to tell the same story over and court, are always to keep his countenance

Mr Bodkin said that humanity had 7. Not to be covotous. My Godfather. nothing to do with the question. The 8. Not to neglect decency or cleanlipoint was simply who ought to support ness, for fear of falling into nastiness. the child? He certainly could not see 9. Not to be over severe with young people, but to give allowances for their why his clients should

The policeman who found the child youthful follies and weaknesses. My Friend, was then called. | He stated that a fruit 10. Not to be influenced by, or give woman at the corner of Peahen court ear to knavish tattling servants or to called his attention to the child, and said others. it was lost. The child was standing, and 11 Not to be too free of advice, nor

he took it, in conformity with the in-trouble any but those who desire it. Myself structions he received to the station- 12. To desire some good friends to inform me which of these resolutions I house. The fruit woman said the child was break or neglect, and wherein; and re-

wandering about for two hours previous-form accordingly. On Thursday a case came on before the ly, and appeared to have come from Bi- 13. Not to talk much, nor of my-Recorder and Aldermen, at the adjourn-shopsgate Without. Witness knew all self. While closer and fonder around the prod ed Quarter Sessions which excited con- the children in the neighboorhood, and 14. Not to boast of my former beam

knew that the child in question was not ty or strength, or favour with ladies, &c 15. Not to hearken to flatteries, or about two years old, was found standing The R cord r. - The child ought to believe I can be beloved by a young woin the parish of St. Mary, Ethelburga, have been sent to the Overseers the morn-man. and was not owned. A policeman took ing after it was found, and if they re- 16. Not to be positive or opiniative.

the child to the station house of Bishops-fused to take it under their protection, 17. Not to set up for abserving all When by summer oppress'd and its cool- gate Without, there being no place of an indictment ought to have been tried, these rules, for fear I shoul! observe I best my sad steps a fond farewell to and publicity having been given for the land muld have settled the question none. and publicity having been given of the I certainly should recommend an arrange- Swift dining at a house where the part circumstances, it was expected that the ment, for the parishes must not play bat- of the table cl-th which was next him

happened to have a small hole, tore it as plication however, was made for the in- Mr Bodkin .- We know nothing at all wide as he could, and eat his soup thro' fant, and she was lodged in the work- of the child. If it be chargeable to us, it; his reason for such behaviour was, as Where so lately the bee and the butter- house of St. Botolph. Bishopsgate, the we wish to know how? We deny that it he said, to mortify the lady of the house, and to teach her to pay a proper attenhaving refused, by the humane advice of Mr Payne. -It is really too bad to at- tion to housewifers

Rogen Cox.-We have already de I wept at the sight, while the leaves as do with her, elthough their existed no The Recorder .- Cannot the child be scribed Roger's dress. The scarlet waistcoat soon caught Swift's eve; Roger bow-'ed, and observed that he wire scarlet beto the Lord Mayor at the Mansion- The Recorder. - Then I advise, if they cause he belonged to the church mili-

gistrate immediately made an order upon Mr. Bodkin-There is no pretence for the parish authorities to maintain the sending the child to us. We shall have Swift's CHARITY .- One cold morning nothing to do with it.

case, said that the parish officers of St. show that there is any obligation upon the door, and the poor creature besought

of a parish who had superabundance of The Recorder said that good sense here directly," The man obeyed him, pauperism in it. It happened that the and good feeling were certainly in favor and was ordered to tell the woman to station house to which the child had been of the order of the Lord Mayor and his come up to him. After bidding her to conveyed, was a place in which accom- brother magistrate; but no authorities be seated, he directed some bread and modation was always afforded in cases of had been produced in support of the de- wine to be given to her; after which, necessity which might occur in the neigh- cision of the Magistrates. He should turning round to the man, he said, "at bouring parishes, and advantage was in therefore, quash the order, subject to a what time did I order you you to open this instance taken of the accommoda- case. The order was then, but much and read a paper directed to me? or to tion by the refusal to recognise the claims against Mr Payne's wish, quashed, and refuse a letter from any one? Hark you My Grand ather, of the infant. Mr Payne said that he the Overseers of St Mary Ethelburga sirrah, you have been admonished by me was not armed wih law authorities upon will be proceeded against by indictment. for drunkenness, idleness, and other

Swift in his journies on foot from take your wages, and let me hear no tlement of the parents could not be as- Dublin to London, was accustomed to more of you." My Mother, would in such a case be the proper landly being engaged with accommodat-called for pen, ink, and paper, and wrote ing her more constant customers, some what follows: Mr Payne said that the refusal was giv- waggoners, and staving to settle an alter-And took me home and made me work, en absolutely upon the application, and cation which unexpectedly arose, keeping space of one year, during which time he

> To the Landlord. There hang three crosses at thy door: after to employ him. Hang up thy wife and she'll make four.

ly coming from Bishopsgate Without .- cretly never design to put them in prac- his service until Mr Pope's death. Black shoes, clean knives, run far & wide? If she had been at once taken to the tice. Had Swift done so, he certainly My Stepmother Overseers of St. Mary, Ethelburga, they would have been a pleasanter companion TERMINATION OF WORDS IN "LING."would have been obliged to provide for and not less admired as a wit. They Here is a complete specimen how much her no doubt; but the officer took her were however written in that mere spirit VIVE LA BAGATELLE was a favourite of

suspicious.

lover and over to the same people.

a poor ancient woman sat at the deanery At these Sessions the order was ap- Mr Payne-We say, that where the steps a considerable time, during which child was dropped, the parish is obliged the Dean saw her through a window, and no doubt commisserated her desolate con-O'er the gloom that envelops the close of and having detailed the particulars of the Mr Bodkin-Give us a precedent to dition. His footman happened to go to him to give a paper to his reverence --E'e thou too must die, and thy beauty support the child, as they are bound to Mr Payne quoted a case in Burns; The servant read it, and told her bis masbut refused upon consulting their Vestry but it was said by the Recorder not to ter had something else to do than to clerk. The expense was then thrown off bear upon the question. mind her petition. "What is that you the shoulders of a parish upon which After some further observations from say fellow?" said the Dean, putting his mind her petition. "What is that you head out of the window; "come up

> certained, the order must be absolute on stop for refreshment or rest at the neat The man afterwards went to sea, which little ale houses on the road's sides .- way of life he did not much like; and The Recorder asked why the officers One of these, between Dunchurch and on his return he solicited from the Dean My Father, of the parish upon which the child was Daventry, was formerly distinguished by such a character as he thought he ought thrown thus would not take the child to the sign of the three crosses, in reference to give him; telling the Dean at the the officers of St. Mary, Ethelburga de to the three intersecting ways, which same time, he was sure the honour of novo, and in the event of refusel to main-fixed the site of the house. At this the having lived in his service would protain it proceed by indictment. That Dean called for his breakfast; but the cure him a place: accordingly the Dean

lichuman disposition, I must dismiss you from my service: so pull off your clothes

Whereas the bearer served me the the child could not be allowed to perish him waiting, and inattentive to his re- was an idler, and a drunkard; I then dis-My Aunt, in the streets, an event which might have peated exclamations, he took from his charged him as such : but how far his occurred if there had not been humanity pocket a diamond, and wrote on every having been five years at sea may have else where. A similar case had he be- pane of glass in her bettermost room: mended his manners, I leave to the penetration of those who may choose here-J. SWIFT. Deanery House,

January 9th, 1789. With this certificate the man left Dubrish of St. Ethelburga. No settlement RESOLUTIONS WHEN I COME TO BE OLD lin, and came to London, where he aphad been proved to have been establish-BY Swift. These resolutions seem to be plied to Mr Pope, who took him into his My Cousin. ed. In fact, the child was what was of that kind which are easily formed, service, upon his producing a testimonial called casual poor. She was first seen and the propriety of which we really ad- of his being the identical man for whom Who took me home when mother died, by a fruit woman in the street, apparent- mit at the time we make them, but se- the paper was written, and continued in

And when I played cried what a noise: - into the parish from which she seemed to of rdleness of which he so often speaks. Swifts. He says, "I have been very curious in considering that fruitful word My Sister, she first became chargeable. He could 2. Not to keep young company un-LING, which explains many fine qualities in ladies; such as grow-ling, rai-ling, tipelburga could at all be made responsi- 3. Not to be peevish, or morose, or ling, (seidom) toi-ling, mumb-ling, grumbling, cur-ling, puzz-ling, bust-ling, strow-Mr Payne. - My clients acted with pro- 4. Not to scorn present ways, or wits ling, romb-ling, quarrel ling, tatt-ling, whiff-ling, dab-ling, doub-ling."

The two maxims of any great man at and never to keep his word.

Carbonear, June 17, 1835.