

BALLADS AND OTHER POEMS.

*FREE TRANSLATION OF THE LAST ELEGY
OF PROPERTIUS.*

[B. v., EL. 11.]

[Supposed to be addressed by Cornelia, a Roman matron, to her husband and children after her death. Certain lines relating to mythology, and a few others, are omitted.]

I.

VEX not the grave with tears : its shadows deep
Repulse the mourner and exclude the day :
The bourne is passed : cease, Paulus, cease to weep :
A gate of adamant hath barr'd the way.