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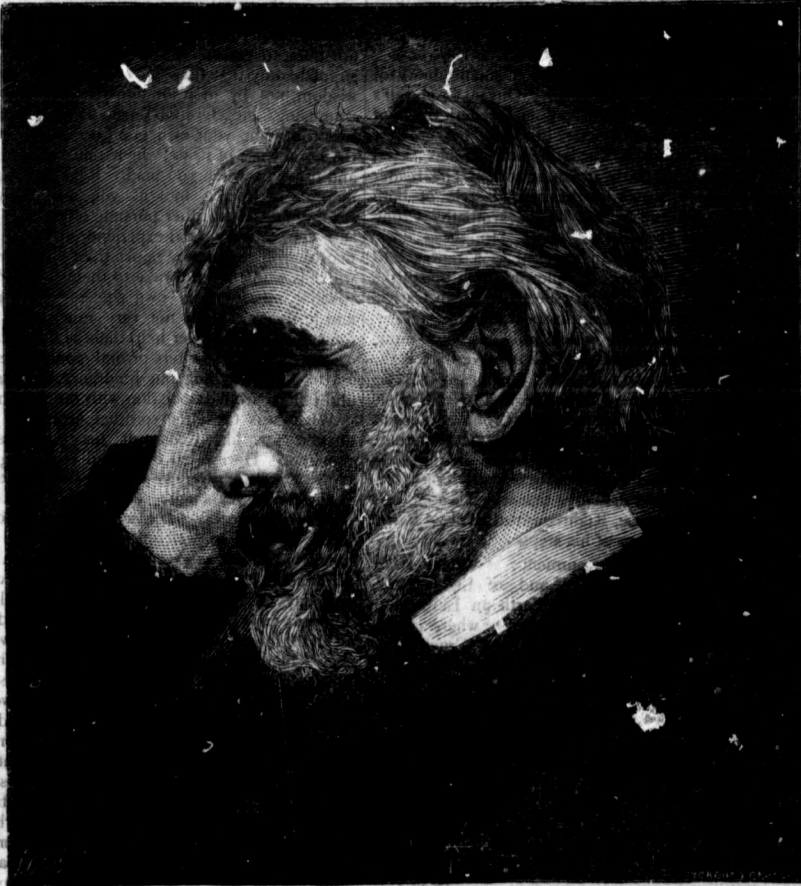
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THOMAS CARLYLE.

The life which closed on Saturday, 5th inst., was that of one of the most remarkable men of letters of this century, and was so strongly marked by an ennobling individuality, that our readers cannot but profit by a glance, however brief, into the inner workings of that mind which for more than half a century has so powerfully influenced Anglo-Saxon thought by its genius. Thomas Carlyle was born Dec. 4th, 1795, at the village of Ecclefechan, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. His father was a small farmer, and both his parents appear to have been persons of high moral character, and the solid home training influenced in a marked

degree their son, who grew up with an intense reverence for them. After a preliminary education at the parish school, and then at Annan, he matriculated in Edinburgh University, when about 15 years of age. His parents had designated him for the ministry, but during his college course he felt that he could not conscientiously subscribe to the Presbyterian confession of faith, and so he looked elsewhere for employment. This he found as a teacher in the Kircaldy grammar school, where he was associated with Edward Irving, afterward founder of the sect of the Catholic Apostolic Church. After teaching for sometime, he em-