

(ORIGINAL.)

THOUGH FAR I ROAM FROM THEE, LOVE!

Though far I roam from thee, love,
 Though far I roam from thee,
 Yet will I come again, love,
 O'er desert wild, and sea,
 To thee my every thought shall turn
 Though storms and tempest rave,
 When our gallant ship, in glory rides,
 Triumphant o'er the wave.
 Then though I roam, from thee, love, &c.

Oh ! wipe your tears away, love,
 Oh ! wipe your tears away,
 And smile, as you did smile, love,
 In youth's first happy day,
 For oh ! I love to see thy brow,
 With pleasure's beam enwreathed,
 And hear from thee the sweetest lays
 That music ever breathed.
 Then wipe your tears away, love,
 Oh ! wipe your tears away, &c. &c.

THE AUTHOR OF WAVERLEY A VOLUNTEER.

AN EXTRACT FROM LOCKHART'S LIFE OF SCOTT.

"Among the common tastes which served to knit these friends together, was their love of horsemanship, in which, as in all other manly exercises, Skene highly excelled: and the fears of a French invasion becoming every day more serious, their thoughts were turned with corresponding zeal to the project of organizing a force of mounted volunteers in Scotland. 'The London Light-horse has set the example'—(says Mr. Skene)—'but in truth it was to Scott's ardour that this force in the North owed its origin. Unable, by reason of his lameness, to serve amongst his friends on foot, he had nothing for it but to rouse the spirit of the moss-trooper with which he readily inspired all who possessed the means of substituting the sabre for the musket.'

"On the 14th February, 1797, these friends and many more met and drew up an offer to serve as a body of volunteer cavalry in Scotland; which offer, being transmitted through the Duke of Buccleuch, Lord Lieutenant of Mid-Lothian, was accepted by government. The organisation of the corps proceeded rapidly; they extended their offer to serve in any part of the island in case of actual invasion; and this also being accepted, the whole arrangement was shortly completed; when Charles Maitland, Esq. of Rankeillor, was elected Major-Commandant; (Sir) William Rae of St. Catherines, Captain; James Gordon of Craig, and George Robinson of Clermiston, Lieutenants; (Sir) William Forbes of Pitsligo, and James Skene of Rubislaw, Cornets;

Walter Scott, Paymaster, Quartermaster, and Secretary; John Adams, Adjutant. But the treble duties thus devolved on Scott were found to interfere too severely with his other avocations, and Colin Mackenzie, of Portmore, relieved him soon afterwards from those of paymaster.

" 'The part of quartermaster,' says Mr. Skene, 'was properly selected for him, that he might be spared the rough usage of the ranks; but, notwithstanding his infirmity, he had a remarkably firm seat on horseback, and in all situations a fearless one: no fatigue ever seemed too much for him, and his zeal and animation served to sustain the enthusiasm of the whole corps, while his ready 'mot a rire,' kept up, in all, a degree of good-humour and relish for the service, without which the toil and privations of long daily drills would not easily have been submitted to by such a body of gentlemen. At every interval of exercise, the order *sit at ease*, was the signal for the quartermaster to lead the squadron to merriment; every eye was intuitively turned on 'Earl Walter,' as he was familiarly called by his associates of that date, and his ready joke seldom failed to raise the ready laugh. He took his full share in all the labours and duties of the corps, had the highest pride in its progress and proficiency, and was such a trooper himself, as only a very powerful frame of body and the warmest zeal in the cause could have enabled any one to be. But his habitual good-humour, was the great charm; and at the daily mess (for we all dined together when in quarters) that reigned supreme.'

"Earl Walter's first charger, by the way, was a tall and powerful animal named *Lenore*. These daily drills appear to have been persisted in during the spring and summer of 1797; the corps spending moreover some weeks in quarters at Musselburgh. The majority of the troop having professional duties to attend to, the ordinary hour for drill was five in the morning, and when we reflect, that after some hours of hard work in this way, Scott had to produce himself regularly in the Parliament House with gown and wig, for the space of four or five hours at least, while his chamber practice, though still humble, was on the increase—and that he had found a plentiful source of new social engagement in his troop connections—it certainly could have excited no surprise had his literary studies been found suffering total intermission during this busy period. That such was not the case, however, his correspondence and note-books afford ample evidence."

THE HOLLYHOCK.

If children would not destroy this fine flower, it might be planted in the hedges of our fields; and those cottagers who keep bees would be much benefitted, since the late season at which the holly-