

NOTE.

THE following pages were written in a season of sorrow, in which the reader is not expected to take any interest, in order to divert the mind in some measure from brooding over-much on a recent bereavement; and is now printed for the author's pleasure. The article was originally intended as a preface to a volume of Poems from the pen of "Albyn"—and which may, or may not, be forthcoming hereafter—according to the reception the present effusion may obtain from the reading portion of the public; they never yet having shown any partiality to the Muse of Acadia, the home manufacture, not being sufficiently *absurd* to become fashionable.

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