

stacle, has continued down to the present hour to thrill the hearts of his countrymen wherever found—and has achieved for him a world-wide fame. (Cheers.)

A Scotch peasant drawing his inspiration from the same fountains that tinge the Scottish character with a romance peculiarly its own—making the Highland heath and low land vale, the mountain and the stream of his native land, the subject of his poesy, can we wonder that his writings have taken so firm a hold on the affections of his countrymen. (Cheers.)

Failings may have marred his character, as spots obscure the disc of the sun, but they were few, and it becomes us not at this hour to revert to them. Let us turn rather to those more touching and beautiful traits which exalted and spiritualized his nature, and have made his name a household word wherever Scotchmen may be found. (Cheers.)

It is not my intention to detain you with any lengthened remarks, for the Orator of the day will no doubt enter fully into everything appertaining to the subject he is to treat upon. I may say, however, that I have been called upon as a member of the North British Society, and as the son of a Scotchman, to fill this chair. (Cheers.) I responded to that call with pleasure, and I need hardly say that I duly appreciated the honor of being so selected. (Cheers.) I have lived many years amongst you, and now in the decline of life, it is gratifying to me to think that I possess the esteem and good will of my fellow citizens. (Loud cheers.)

Allow me now, ladies and gentlemen, to introduce to you the Hon. William Young, who will address you on the life and writings of Burns; and from whose eloquence you undoubtedly expect to derive much pleasure.

Hon. Mr. Young then delivered an oration occupying an hour and a half, which was received throughout with