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HUMOUR OF SCOTTISH POETS.

(Contributed.)

A prophet has no honour in his own country, and few of the peasantry personally acquainted with Burns were willing to allow that his merit exceeded their own. Mrs. McQuistan, the housekeeper at Dunlop House, where the poet was a frequent visitor, saw nothing in his writings calling for special admiration, and doubted the propriety of her mistress entertaining a mere ploughman who made rhymes. As regarded "The Cottar's Saturday Night," she declared to Mrs. Dunlop, with much shaking of the head, that "Nae doubt gentleman and ladies think muckle o' that, but, for me, it's naething but what I saw in my ain father's house every day, and I dinna see who he could hae tauld it ony other way." It was a splendid compliment, yet the author once received perhaps a better—in his own hearing, too—one, at least, which he appreciated more. A little boy was asked which of the poet's works he liked best. "I like 'The Cottar's Saturday Night' far the best," he exclaimed, "though it made me greet when my father made me read it to my mother."

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The poet, with a sudden start looked into the boy's face intently, and, patting him on the cheek, said, the tear glistening in his eye the while, "Well, my callant, it made me greet, too, more than once, when I was writing it at my father's fireside."

Scott, when about seventeen years of age, saw Burns in Edinburgh, and has afforded the most truthful and graphic account of his personal appearance extant. It was at a literary dinner at Professor Ferguson's that they met. The wondrous boy enlightened the party as to the authorship of the line:

"The child of misery baptized in tears,"

by telling them it was Langhorne's. Whereupon Burns looked towards him and exclaimed, "You will be a man yet." No prophecy received fuller fulfilment, for if Sir Walter Scott did not rise to the full stature of true manhood, no mere man ever did. Scott brought pleasure with him into every party he choose to enter. The company had been admiring a print of Banbury's representing a soldier lying dead on the snow—the dog sitting in misery on the one side—on the other, his widow with a child in her arms. These lines were written underneath:—

"Cold on Canadian hills, or Minden's plains,
Perhaps that parent wept her soldier slain;
Bent o'er her babe, her eye dissolved in dew,
The big drops mingling with the milk he drew,
Gave the sad presage of his future years—
The child of misery baptized in tears."

Burns was so much affected by the picture, or rather the ideas which it suggested to his mind, that he actually shed tears. He asked whose the lines were, and the company included the celebrated Lugald Stewart, and other men of letters. Young Scott alone remembered that they occur in a half-forgotten poem of Longhorne's called by the unpromising title of "The Justice of the Peace." Sir Walter Scott, when a lad at school, a boy in the same class was asked by the dominic what part of speech "With" was.

"A noun, sir," answered the boy.

"You young blockhead," cried the pedagogue. "What example can you give of such a thing?"

"I can tell you, sir," interrupted Scott. "You know there's a verse in the Bible which says, "They bound Samson with Withs!"

Mrs. Cockburn, authoress of the popular version of "The Flowers of the Forest," the one beginning "I've seen the smiling of fortune beguiling," has left a curious account of an interview which she had with Scott, when a boy not quite six years old. He was reading a poem to his mother when the lady entered, the subject of which was the description of a shipwreck. His passion rose with the storm, and he lifted up his eyes and hands. "There's a mast gone," says he; "Crash it goes; they will all perish." After his agitation, he turned to Mrs. Cockburn and said: "That is too melancholy, I had better read you something more amusing." Mrs. Cockburn preferred a little chat, and asked his opinion of Milton and other books which he had been reading, which he gave wonderfully. One of his observations was: "How strange that Adam, just new come into the world, should know everything." "That must be the poet's fancy," said he. But when told he was created perfectly by God Himself, he instantly yielded. No writer of any time—Burns alone excepted—has handled the native tongue to better purpose for the expression of every feeling of the human heart than has Sir Walter Scott. Picture in your thoughtful imagination of the great Sir Walter as a little boy of six years of age on his bended knees with his little head planted in his mother's lap saying his prayers aloud. The Lord's Prayer, "Uor fader quhilk beest I' Hevin, hallowit weird thyne nam, cum thyne kinrik. Be dune thyne wull as is I' Hevin, soa po yerd, Uor daille breid gif us thilk day. And forlejt us our skaths, as we forlejt tham quha skath us. And leed us na intill temtation, butan fre us fra evil. Amen. When he was taken to bed the same evening, he told his aunt that he liked Mrs. Cockburn, "for I think," said he, "she is a Virtuoso like myself." "Dear Walter, what is a Virtuoso?" inquired his aunt. "Don't you know?" said this little boy of six years of age. "Why, it's one that will know eyerthing." He was still a boy, when a lady friend remarked in company on the almost perpetual drizzle which prevails in the West of Scotland, and declared herself at a loss to account for it. Popping his head up from below the table, "It is," said he, "only Nature weepen for the barreness of her soil." It was Sir Walter Scott who said that "his friends werna great book-readers, but they were maistly a' grand book-keepers"—a common accomplishment of the friends and acquaintances of all men—alas.

Beyond Expectation.

The head of a large business house bought a number of those "Do It Now" signs and hung them up around his offices. They were effective beyond expectation, and yet it can hardly be said that they worked well.

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Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST.

LIFE'S JOYS.

These several joys must come to all:
The beauty of the morning sun,
The glory of a task well done,
The laughter of a friendly call.

It matters not who he may be,
Though rich or poor, or dull or wise,
Earth spreads her splendors for his eyes
And charges him no tithe or fee.

And there is glory in each task
Which by the humblest is possessed,
The pride of having done his best,
And God no more than this will ask.

No place, nor power, nor pomp nor skill,
Nor silver nor the yellow gold,
The beauty of the sun can hold,
The toiler's cottage it will fill.

Night brings a tap upon the door,
A friend has come with words of cheer,
The long day's worries disappear.
The rick man's friend can do no more.

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Fads and Fashions.

Beaded effects are good for Fall.

Turquoise is a new evening shade.

A smart trimming note is fur in band treatments.

The contrasting skirt and bodice is a fall feature.

Several of the new coats show again the bloused back.

The use of monkey fur as trimming is noted on fall models.

The combination of black with tete de negre is favored.

In many cases the buckle will "make" the shoe this fall.

The straightline coat of fur is generally girdled with cord.

The short leather jackets will be good for fall sports wear.

Side drapery on wraps is held in place by black and silver buckles.

Moleskin duvetyn is used for one of the new draped coat-effect gowns.

The short fur coat will be the smartest wrap for both sports trolleur and formal wear.

Straightline coats have side draperies, and several coat sleeves are snug to the wrists.

Cloth street costumes show slightly fitted lines and voluminous collars and cuffs of fur.

A charming new feature of the mode is the use of the lace yoke with the skirt of black velvet.

A frock of tan cloth buttons down one side and shows the new circular drape in one side.

Soft, broken waistlines on newest models show a tendency to keep bloused effects in fashion.

French model hats in large shapes are trimmed with metal effects and pressed flowers.

Velvets and duvetyns in bright colors are reported to be remarkably popular among fall millinery.

A semi-fitted coat of black velveteen acquires individuality by embroidered striping of pale grey.

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