





JANUARY 28, 1892.

The Old Sod.

Over the seas and far away,
O swallow, do you remember at all,
The nest in the lichened garden wall...

REMINISCENCES OF THE POET BURNS.

VERY REV. A. MCD. DAWSON, LL.D., ETC.

When the writer went to Edinburgh he found that the ploughman Bard was as often the subject of conversation there as at Dumfries; and no wonder, for his arrival in that city was the event of the time. This is to say a great deal considering the reputation of the Scottish metropolis; but not more than his Scottish warrants; it was the fortune of Burns to appear at once as a successful author among the celebrities of the northern capital.

active interest in the young poet. In the subscription list prefixed to the Edinburgh edition of Burns' poems, published in 1874, are to be found the Scotch colleges and monasteries abroad, beginning with Valladolid, of which Bishop Geddes had been so long the principal.

"Here wealth still swells the golden tide
As busy Trade his labor plies;
There architecture nobly prides
Bids elegance and splendor rise;

On the reverse side is read: "By special act of the managers to Robert Burns, who erected this stone in a burial place, to remain forever sacred to the memory of Robert Ferguson."

Other men of learning and social rank as well as the generous Earl of Glencairn and the accomplished Bishop Geddes, did honor in their time to the Ayshire poet. Mr. Josiah Walker, a poet and professor of the Latin language, having met Burns at breakfast with Glasgow, having met Burns at breakfast with Glasgow, having met Burns at breakfast with Glasgow...

"Burns seemed most affected by the print, or rather the idea which it suggested to his mind. He actually shed tears. He asked whose the lines were." Sir Walter replied that they occur in a half forgotten poem of Lauchlin.

superiors in station and information more profectly from either the reality or the affectation of embarrassment."
Five months after his arrival in Edinburgh Burns had the satisfaction to see issued from the press a new edition of his works, under the most promising auspices, and with the certainty of success.

Now that abundant means were at his command the poet resolved to travel through the country which he loved so well, and become acquainted with the chief places of interest throughout the land. This tour may possibly be the subject of a separate paper. In the meantime a few lines may be devoted to a consideration of his position in regard to the Kirk, of which he was a member. It would be no reproach to him to have been an ardent member of the Kirk, as he was so in the case of the Kirk of Burns' time, following in the wake of Calvin, pertinaciously adhered to, and more enlightened ages were at a loss to account for the adherence of so many of the Kirk's ministers to the Calvinistic doctrine of election and its appalling consequences.

Where human weakness has come short,
Or frailty steeped aside,
Do Thou, O God! for such Thou art,
In shades of darkness hide.

Perhaps the Christian volume to be theme,
How guiltless blood for guilty man was shed;
How he who bore in Heaven the second name,
Bent o'er her babe her eye dissolved in dew.

To the Point.
We say our remedy is a permanent cure, and that, prove it this: Toronto, Ont., April 17, 1887. "I would state that St. Jacobs Oil cured, per se, my rheumatism, with which I suffered in 1880. I have never had any return since of the pain which I endured for months previous. It affords me great pleasure to say I have recommended it to a number of friends. To much praise cannot be devoted to its healing qualities."

shine. But out of the dark and dismal chaos who could have hoped to see arise the bright world of to-day? Nevertheless, it has come to bless our time. One of its grandest and most glorious features is the care bestowed by the powerful of the earth to extend the blessings of liberty and civilization to the most abandoned of the human family.

Tom's Dinner.
It was New Year's Day in Chicago. Tom Treat, bootblack—very ragged and very dirty, but in uncommonly good spirits—was debating in his mind whether he should take his dinner at Hodson's, where he could get pork and beans for seven cents, or at the Golden Goose, where one could find a slice of roast beef with gravy, and plenty of mashed potato, or a dime.

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PRACTICAL FAITH.

Many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven...

These words, my dear brethren, were spoken by our Blessed Lord to the Jews on the occasion of the cure of the servant of the centurion...

Now, my brethren, what lesson have we to learn from this praise of the heathen centurion, and this warning to God's own people...

That is a good hand that knows how to make pain easier and headaches vanish. That is a good hand which knows how to give heartily and freely.

That is a good hand which never wrote anything of which it was ashamed, and which never puts its hand to fraud and dishonesty.

That is a good hand which does its work well; whatever it may be, never ever it may lie, it doth not grow weary, and it doeth its work so it is worth its wage.

Sanctity the Perfection of Virtue. The saints were very plain people. In one sense they became the more so the more saintly they were.

A Drunkard's Curse. A poor woman died in Charlotte, S. C., on last Monday, and was buried on Tuesday. One year ago she followed her husband to a drunkard's grave.

Let us, then, each and every one, if we have been unfaithful to the great graces which we have as Catholics...

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The Child's Prayer.

Dear Infant Jesus! come to me And make a doctid child of me; My heart with glee, My thought small fit be...

The Messenger's Friend.

A very small boy was crossing Lafayette square, the most beautiful of Washington's parks, one Sunday morning.

Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. All is riddle, and the key to a riddle is another riddle.

The heart grows so large and so rich, and so variously endowed, when it has a great sense of bliss, that it can give smiles to some, and tears to others...

Good Hands.

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The Cross Her Hope.

A young girl once went to a convent and asked to be received as a novice. She was the child of rich parents, and though she had been virtuously reared and well educated...

Dr. Spalding's Church.

The trustees of Christ Church, Cambridge, from which Rev. J. F. Spalding resigned to enter the Roman Catholic fold, passed a series of resolutions...

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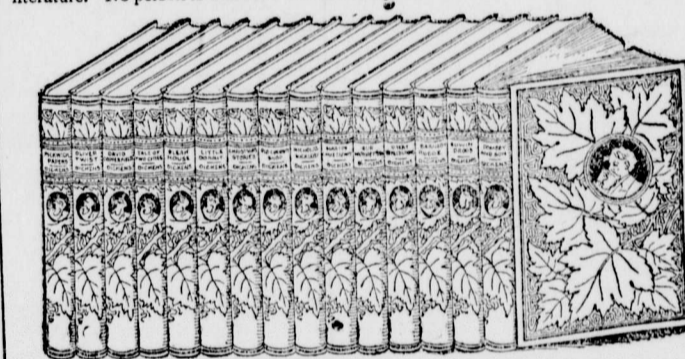
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