## POBTRY.

## Selected.

From the Father's Magazine. A FATHER TO'HISMOTHERLESS CHILDREN. Come, gather closer to my side,-My little, smitten flock,-And I will tell of him who brought

Pure water from the rock .-Who boldly led God's people forth From Egypt's wrath and guile,-And once a cradled babe did float, All helpless on the Nile.

You're weary precious ones, -vour eyes Are wandering far and wide : Think ye of her who knew so well Your tender thought to guide Who could to wisdom's sacred lore Your fixed attention claim,-Ah !-never from your hearts erase That blessed Mother's name.

Tis time to sing your evening hymn,-My youngest infant dove, Come, press thy velvet cheek to mine, And learn the lay of love. My sheltering arms can clasp you all, My poor, deserted throng,-Cling as you us'd to cling to her, Who sings the angel's song.

Begin, sweet birds, the accustom'a strain,-Come, warble loud and clear,-Alas !-alas ! you're weeping all, You're sobbing in my ear .-Good night-go say the prayer she taught, Beside your little bed, The lips that used to bless you there,-Are silent with the dead.

A Father's hand your course may guide Amid the thorns of life,-His care protect these shrinking plants. That dread the storms of strife,-But who upon your infant hearts Shall like that mother write ? Who touch the string that rules the soul-Dear mourning babes, good night.

Hartford, Jan. 1834. \* MRS. SIGOURNEY.

THE MOTHER'S INJUNCTION, ON PRESENTING HER SON WITH A BIBLE. REMEMBER, love, who gave thee this, When other days shall come, When she, who had thy earliest kiss, Sleeps in her narrow home. Remember 'twas a mother gave

That mother sought a pledge of love, The holiest for her son; And from the gifts of God above, She chose a goodly one. She chose for her beloved boy, The source of light, and love, and joy.

The gife to one she'd die to save.

And bade him keep the gift-that, when The parting hour would come, They might have hope to meet again, In an eternal home. She said his faith in that would be Sweet incense to her memory.

And should the scoffer in his pride, Laugh that fond faith to scorn, And bid him cast the pledge aside, That he from youth had borne; She hade him pause, and ask his breast, If he, or she, had loved best?

A parent's blessing on her son Goes with this holy thing; The heart that would retain the one Must to the other cling. Remember! tis no idle toy. A mother's gift-Remember; boy !

KENNEDY.

## VARIBTIES.

DEATH OF MRS. BURNS.

Wednesday, the 26th of March. from which, however, she gradually re- by taking a parting look at the resting covered. On Saturday she had a paraly- place of genius. tic attack which deprived her of speech tern and ornament to her sex. She has lived a long life, admired and respected, and died regretted by an affectionate family and numerous sincere friends.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BURNS-EXHUMATIO OF THE POET'S SKULL.

(From the Dumfries Courier.)

made broadly public; others again ob- risers and accidental observers communi- We did, however, name it at last, and af- gists and others. suited to the quiet retiring character of that before the entrance to the vault could reductant and conditional consent. From skull, securely enclosed in a leaden case, onerous and perplexing. The Magis- alluded to discharged, with the greatest found vasuitable, and the opportunity intrates and Commissioners of Police po- sternness, their duty as sentinels, by re- apt, from the number of anxious eyes still litely offered to mark their respect for pressing all attempts at obtaining bones, abroad. At nine, however, the attempt Robert C. Maxwell, Esq., Senten- Woodstock, and Mr. Charles Raymond, Mrs. Burn's memory by attending her relics, or indeed any thing connected with was renewed, with all the success which cen to Death. If ever there was a case Northampton, funeral in their public capacity—an offer the respective coffins of the Bard and his the most enthusiastic admirers of genius in which the mercy of the executive might Sheffield, ledged and acceded to by the trustees. that the largest coffin was made of oak, ty conferred privately, and proceeded upon Society, we conceive it to be that of KINGSTON, But something more was wanted, in the hopes were entertained that it would be stealthily, one after another, by the quiet- Maxwell, who has just received sentence HAMPTON, opinion of at least a portion of the public; possible to remove it without injury, or lest paths, and after climbing over the of death at our adjourned assizes. As Sussex VALE,

consistent with the rules of decorum.

the usual forms had been observed, the guage of Byron :coffin was placed on spokes, and borne by | " Look on its broken arch, its ruined hallmany to its final resting place. Throwing a stone to a chieftain's cairn was deemed an honour by our Celtic ancestors, and a similar feeling obviously prevailed in regard to the funeral obsequies of the poec's widow. Before one person had well touched a spoke he was succeeded People this lonely tower—this tenement refit ?" by another, eager to share in the same mournful duty; and although the distance was extremely short, several hundred hands bore the body along by shifting as frequently as St. Michael's bell tolled. Though the crowd was very dense, forests of heads were thrown into lines as the procession moved forward; every window was filled with spectators; numerous visitors were observed from the country and, altogether, the scene reminded many was restored, and the body lowered slowly chief mourners then descended, took the the pause, enquired eagerly "what has "In memory of Robert Burns, who died immense disproportion in the punishment stations assigned them, and after every become of the original tomb-stone? and the 21st July, 1796, in the 37th year of inflicted. Holmes has been sentenced to in a grave dug to the depth of 4 feet. sed the greatest regret that it had not been 25th April, 1793, aged two years and nine is to undergo the extreme rigour of the Five relatives attended the interrment, viz : Mr. Robert Burns eldest son of the poet, Mr. Robert Armour, the widow's brother, and the husbands of three nieces, the Messrs. Irving and Mr. M'Kinnel. But there were other chief mourners, and among those we observed Mr. Dunlop. Southwick; Provost Murray, Dr. John make an adjoining vault, the earth caved "On Monday night, 31st March, 1834, the grand jury and the long panel memo-Symons, Mr. Bogie, and Mr. M'Diarmid. The grave was covered in a brief space the chief mourages then withdrew; and have looked into Shakespeare's grave .- Andrew Crombie, and myself, descended after every thing foreign had been removed from the vault, the executors gave the necessary directions for restoring the large stone which guards the entrance to Mrs. Robert Burns, the widow of the the tomb of our great national poet. As great Scottish poet, died at Dumfries, on this was a task of considerable labour Her hours elapsed before it could be complethealth was considerably injured by a se- ed, and, in the interim, thousands had an rious illness about twelve months ago, opportunity of gratifying their curiosity had made bold to look in at the hole, but would be found, and a few spadefuls of

It is generally known that the remains to have seen even the dust of Shakespeare." ed. and hearing; but she remained perfectly of Burns were exhumed, privately, on the who zealously ministered to her comfort. every regard to decency, in the arched day, the 1st of April. On the day prece- of their external table, and firmly held to-She was, we believe, about 72 years of vault attached to the Mausoleum, then ding, the vault was opened by Mr. Crom- gether by their sutures; even the delinate husband nearly 38 years. Although The principal actors on that occasion, labour and the keys of the mausoleum exception of the os unguis in the left. Mrs. Burns had nothing in common with were the late Convenor Thomson, and which is guarded round and round with were sound and uninjured by death and which fixes the attention of communities Secretary to the Monument Committee, rily in our own possession. And here it still retained the four most posterior teeth and nations, she was in private life a pat- and Mr. Bogie Terraughty. Originally, his may be best to confess the whole truth, on each side, including the dentes sapiashes lay in the north corner of the church- and conceal nothing. Ever since we be- entire, and all without spot or blemish; yard; and as years elapsed before any came acquainted with what occurred on the incisores, cuspidati, &c., had, in all The remains of Mrs. Burns were inter- wall, and thus avert the necessity of a ce- ory assigned to Burus all the qualities of some extraneous matter from the occupit. jected to every thing like parade, as un- cated so speedily their suspicions to others, ter much anxious conversation, obtained a "Having completed our intention, the the deceased; and smidst counsels and be closed, an immense crowd besieged the this moment matters were put in train, and was again committed to the earth precisewishes so opposite and conflicting, the re- front of St. Michael's, and on leave being at seven a small party repaired, one by ly where we found it. latives and executors had a duty to dis- refused, readily found the means of ad- one, and by different routes, to St. Micharge which was felt to be exceedingly mitting themselves. Still the individuals chael's church-yard. But the hour was so honourable that it was at once acknow- two sons. As a report had been spread or science could desire. Again the par- be exercised with a wholesome influence GAGETOWN.

Its chambers desolate, and portals foul; Yes, this was once ambition's airy hall, The dome of thought, the palace of the soul Behold through each lack-lustre eyeless hole,

The gay recess of wisdom and of wit-Of passion's host that never brooked controul-Can all Saint, sage, or sophist ever writ

the sculpture, as had been done in the case who died 9th July, 1803, aged 14 years. quoting a brief passage from the works of 1834." Mr. Washington Irving :- " A few years What follows is from the pen of Mr. been at once responded to by the governsince, as some labourers were digging to Blacklock :in, so as to leave a vacant space almost Mr. John M'Diarmid, Mr. Adam Rankine, like an arch, through which one might Mr. James Kerr, Mr. James Bogie, Mr. No one, however, presumed to meddle into the vault of the Mausoleum for the with his bones, so awfully guarded by a purpose of examining the remains of malediction; and lest any of the idle or Burns, and, if possible, procuring a cast curious, or any collector of relics, should of his skull. Mr. Crombie having withave been tempted to commit depredations nessed the exhumation of the bard's rethe old sexton kept watch over the spot mains in 1815, and seen them deposited for two days, until the vault was finished, in their present resting place, at once and the aperture closed. He told me he pointed out the exact spot where the head could see neither coffin nor bones-no- loose sandy soil being removed, the skull thing but dust. It was something I thought, was brought into view, and carefully lift-

resided is short, narrow, and situated so those proved fallacious; on testing the front of the mausoleum. In this, it must ession of the facts of the case, we shall near to the church-yard, as to injure the coffin, it was found to be composed of or- be confessed, there was something degra- lay a brief statement of it before them. appearance of any procession, it was anx- dinary materials, and liable to yield to the ding; which reminded us of the horrid which may account it some degree for the iously asked that the coffin should be con-slightest pressure; and the lid partially trade of body-snatching, but the most pro-commiseration excited by his fate. Roveyed in a hearse to the Council Cham- removed, a spectacle was unfolded, which, found secrecy was indispensible, and if bert Cole Maxwell, and his prosecutor. ber stairs, and from thence carried shoul- considering the same of the mighty dead, there be any who seel inclined to impute Robert Lowe Helmes, were both relatives der-high along the line of the principal has rarely been witnessed by a single hu- blame all we can say is our motives are good of Major Samuel Maxwell, who died in street. On reflection, however, it was man being. There lay the remains of the and totally alien to those of idle curiosity. last May, leaving a farm near Charleville deemed better that the living should go to great poet, to all appearance entire, re- Mr. Blacklock offered his services at a fa- called Garrandirk, of which he had been the dead, than the dead to the living. The taining various traces of recent vitality, vourable moment, and it was well we had a lessee. No will appeared, and the Mamagistrates agreed in the propriety of or, to speak more correctly, exhibiting the gentleman with us qualified to give a sci- jor's uncle, Robert Maxwell, Esq. of this, and issued cards to the whole of the features of one who had newly sunk into entific account of the appearance, preser- Charleville, came down on the lands for Council, appointing a meeting at half- the sleep of death. The forehead struck vation, and peculiarities of the skull — debts due to him by the deceased and heir past eleven on the morning of Tuesday, every one as beautifully arched, if not-so While one of our number kept watch a- at law. The uncle, however, refused to at which hour they assembled, and short- high as might have been reasonably sup- bove, the rest of the party descended in- yield possession, and thus matters stood ly after moved in a body to Burns'-street, posed, while the scalp was rather thickly to the vault by means of a ladder and a when Mr. Robert Lowe Holmes came amidst a throng of people (many of whom covered with hair, and the teeth perfectly muffled lantern; and we shall not readi- forward and stated he had in his posseshad voluntarily arrayed themselves in firm and white. Altogether the scene was ly forget the mingled emotions that arose sion a will made by the deceased, in sables) such as has rarely been witnessed so imposing, that the commonest workmen in the mind—passing away and returning which the property was devised to himself in the streets of Dumfries. Between two stood uncovered, as the late Dr. Gregory with the most thrilling influence —as we —and on the strength of this document he and three hundred tuneral letters were is- did at the exhumation of the remains of stood solemnly on the poet's grave, and took forcible possession of the farm and sued in compliance with the usual custom; King Robert Bruce, and for some mo- recalled the awful malediction of Shakes- dwelling house. On that very night, pos. and in this way, while the private feelings ments remained inactive, as if thrilling un- peare. The night was most serene, and session was forcibly retaken by the fol. of friends were conciliated, the public der the effects of some undefinable emo- the dim light of the lantern, and the lone- lowers of Robert Maxwell, senior, with were gratified in as far as was deemed tion, while gazing on all that remained of liness of the vault contrasted strikingly the loss of one life, which the coroner's one "whose fame is as wide as the world with the lambent light of the host of stars jury found to be accidental death. Mr. As many persons were received into the itself." But the scene, however impo- that sparkled brightly in the heavens a- Maxwell senior, however, finding that he house as it could possibly contain, includ- sing, was brief; for the instant the work- bove. Mr. Crombie's knowledge of lo- could not legally retain possession, made ing various clergymen, citizen friends, and men inserted a shell or wooden case be- calities rendered the process of disinter- a formal surrender of the property to Recountry gentlemen, among the latter of neath the original coffin, the head sepa- ment comparatively easy; and Mr. Bogie, bert Holmes, as devisee under the alleged whom we observed Sir Thomas Wallace, rated from the trunk, and the whole body, who had seen the skull in 1815, proclaim- will. Holmes had not yet obtained posa kind personal friend of the deceased; Sir with the exception of the bones, crumbled ed its identity the moment it appeared. session of the place, when Robert Max-Thomas Kirkpatrick, Mr. Dunlop, South- into dust. Notwithstanding the solemnity But in the absence of such a witness, its well, junior, either distrusting the asserwick; Mr. James M'Alpine Leny, of the occasion required, at least a few felt size and appearance were quite sufficient tion of the former about the will, or resolv. Dalswinton; Mr. John Dunlop, Rosefield; constrained to lift and examine the skull to avouch the fact, and, after it had been ed to enforce his own claim as heir-at-law. Mr. Macadam, of Castledykes; Major - probably under the inspiration of feel- carefully cleaned, a cast was taken from until it should be wholly nullified, antici-Adair, Mr. Hannah, of Hannahfield, &c. ings akin to those of Hamlet when he it before the parties retired to rest. In pated Holmes, by taking possession of the &c. Eloquent prayers were put fon the leant and moralized over Yorrick's grave, the execution of this duty they received property, which he retained from the 12th occasion by the Rev. Messrs. Wightman, and who, if aware of the passage, might the most efficient assistance from Mr. to the 29th of July. He had even sever-Fyffe, Dunlop, and Wallace; and after have quoted appropriately enough the lan- James Fraser, whose skill and style of ed the growing crops before Holmes took handling would do no discredit to a Lon- any step to recover what he alleged to be don artist. Just as the party were about his own. The latter then gathered a posto separate the clock struck the hour of see of followers and marched to Garranone in the morning; and although ten in- dirk. The engagement was a sharp one. dividuals were present at the last, includ- but Holmes, succeeded in carrying off the ing our chief magistrate, Mr. Hamilton, crops. On this occasion, as an indictand Rector M'Millan, the largest hat of ment subsequently formed against Holmes the whole was found too narrow to receive alleged, Maxwell was fired at by one of the skull-a sufficient proof of its extra- Holmes's party. This occurred on the ordinary size. Early on Tuesday morn- 29th of July .- On the 31st, Maxwell and Every thing, as has been stated, was ing a leaden box was made, and carefully others went armed to Holmes's residence, conducted with the greatest propriety and lined with the softest materials; and on in order to retake the property of which care, and after the second grave-bed of the same day we, as in duty bound, wit- the latter had possessed himself on the the Poet and his offspring had been care- nessed the reinterrment of the sacred re- 29th. It was in this last affray that the fully prepared, the original tomb-stone was lict it contained, previous to the funeral of offence was committed for which the unplaced above their ashes, and the vault Mrs. Burns. The pious wish expressed fortunate Maxwell has received the senclosed for a period of nearly nineteen by Mr. Mathews has at length been gra- tence of death. The indictment charged years—that is, from the 19th of Septem- tified, by removing the original tombstone him, under Lord Ellenborough's Act, ber, 1815, until the 28th of March, 1834. from the vault, and placing it within the with firing at Holmes with intent to kill, The well-known Mr. Matthews, a man of iron railing which protects the sculpture. and on this charge he was found guilty. high and original genius, on one occa- In accomplishing this, the said railing had There was a counter prosecution against al. So great was the anxiety to enter the sion paid a visit to Dumfries; and it fell to be slightly enlarged; and the stone Holmes and his party, and they also were Mausoleum that the pressure, in the first to the lot of the writer to accompany him now occupies a position where it can be found guilty of riots on the 29th, but acinstance, occasioned a slight degree of to the house of Mrs. Burns and to St. Mi- seen by all without being trod upon quitted of the capital offence. Now, it confusion; but in a minute or two order chael's Church-yard. On entering the or injured by any. The inscriptions up- does appear to us, and not to us alone, mausoleum the great comedian became on it are as follow, the closing one having that the disproportion between the offen-

on this question being answered, expres- his age; and Maxwell Burns, who died nine month's imprisonment, while Maxwell inserted as part of the pavement in front of months. Also, of Francis Wallace Burns, law!!-Limerick Star. of Shakespeare's mausoleum at Stratford- Also, of Jean Armour, relict of the poet, upon-Avon. And here we cannot resist born February, 1765, died 26th March, ced in favour of a mitigation of Mr. Mar-

The remains of Mrs. Burns, as has al- "The cranial bones were perfect in sensible, and knew the relations and friends 19th September, 1815, and deposited with ready been stated, were interred on Tues- every respect, if we except a little crosion age, and outlived her gifted and unfortu- newly erected in honour of his memory. bie-a work of considerable difficulty and cate bones of the orbits, with the trifling her husband of that commanding genius Mr. Milligan, builders, Mr. Grierson, high pillared doors, were placed tempora- the grave. The superior maxilliary bones. general movement was made, his widow, the 19th September 1815, we have re-probability, recently dropped from the with pious care, marked the spot by a mo- gretted that so favourable an opportunity juw, for the alveoli were but little decaydest monument, the expense of which she was missed of taking a cast upon the po- ed. The bones of the face and palate willingly defrayed out of her own slender et's skull; and the more so, when inform- were also sound. Some small portions of means. In the first instance, attempts ed that the phrenologists had made an im- black hair, with a very few grey hairs inwere made to enlarge the church-yard aginary one from the portrait and on this the- termixed, we observed while detaching red in the family vault on Tuesday, the 1st remony, in the highest degree revolting to a great statesman. In this regret we Indeed nothing could exceed the high of April, with all the solemnity the occa- the feelings of Mrs. Burns; but the spot were joined by many; and not a few per- state of preservation in which we found sion demanded, in presence of an immense was so narrow, and interfered so closely sons, here and elsewhere, by word and the bones of the cranium, or offer a fairer crowd of spectators. Independently of with the property of others, that the idea letter, prompted and urged the propriety of opportunity of supplying what has so long the Bard's Mausoleum, St. Michael's was abandoned as uttorly impracticable. a measure we had previously determined been desiderated by phrenologists -- a corchurch-yard is, perhaps, the most remark- On the day, therefore, already named, to adopt, if possible. But one difficulty rect model of our immortal poet's head: able cemetery in Britain; amidst innu- the Committee chosen proceeded to the remained behind-soothing the repug- and in order to accomplish this in the merable tombs thousands on thousands spot before the sun had risen, and went nance, and conciliating the feelings, of most accurate and satisfactory manner, sleep below; and on the day alluded to to work so rapidly, that they had well those who alone had a right to decide - every particle of sand, or other foreign public interest or curiosity waxed so in- nigh completed their purpose previous to the principal male relatives of the bard body, was carefully washed off, and the tensely, that it became, if such an expres- the assemblage of any crowd. And it was and his relict. Mr. Armour arrived in plaster of Paris applied with all the tact and Sixpence for each succeeding Insion may be used, instinct with life as fortunate their measures were so wisely London by Monday's mail, and we con- and accuracy of an experienced artist. The sertion. Advertisements must be accomwell as death. By many, a strong wish taken; for though the gates of St. Mi- fess it was six o'clock before we could cast is admirably taken, and cannot fail panied with Cash and the Insertions will was expressed that the funeral should be chael's were carefully locked, a few early find courage to introduce the subject. to prove highly interesting to phrenolo- be regulated according to the amount

"ARCHD. BLACKLOCK. "Dumfries, April 1, 1834."

and as the street in which the deceased public examination of any kind. But church-yard walls met by appointment in many of our readers may not be in possobviously highly excited, and, after a lit- been chiselled within these last few days: - ces on both sides was not so great as the RESPITE OF MR. MAXWELL .- The feel-

ing which has so universally been evinwell's sentence has, we are happy to say, ment. It has been generally known that rialized the executive in his favour, and their prayer has been supported by the recommendation of the law officers of the crown. Under such influence, aided by all the mitigatory circumstances of the case, the merciful exercise of the reval prerogative was very generally relied on. The arrival, therefore, of a reprieve on Sunday morning accorded with the expectation of the public, and defused very great satisfaction throughout the city. Mr. Maxwell was aware, through the medium of the newspapers, which he read very closely, of the great exertions making to change his fate, and was therefore prepared partly for the intimation which brought to him the joy of life. However from the sudden character of the attack to which he has been subject since his imprisonment, the greatest caution was observed in conveying to him the intelligence. It was gradually broken to him, but his feelings were, netwithstanding, strongly affected. He expressed himself in terms of gratitude to Providence, and to those who had interested themselves in his unexpected misfortunes. His spirits and health have since very preceptibly

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