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"As might be expected, no portrait of the original Highland Mary exists. We cannot, therefore, have her likeness, but we can in some measure answer the question—What did Highland Mary look like? Of her sister Annie's two daughters, Mary was not only a namesake but a perfect presentment of her celebrated relative. Now, by a fortunate turn of affairs, I got hold, among her Canadian relatives, of an old ambrotype of this second Highland Mary, but alas! she was no longer young and beautiful. When the photographic art came in, by way of compensation, I also secured photographs of her two daughters. Just as Mrs. Robertson (whom I have called 'Highland Mary the second,') was the duplicate of her celebrated aunt, while her sister was not, so with Mrs. Robertson's own daughters. One of them, Margaret Robertson, was 'Highland Mary the third;' the other was not. She is doubtless a very good representation of the original Highland Mary, and possesses the same sparkling glances that Burns speaks of regarding his Highland Mary."—*Rev. William Wye Smith.*

See also article "Concerning Highland Mary."



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"She died. He too is dead,
Of all her girlish graces
Perhaps one nameless lock remains ;
The rest stern time effaces.
Dust lost in dust. Not so, a bloom
Is her's which ne'er can wither ;
And in that lay which lives for aye,
The twain live on together."

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"She has entered on an immortality more beautiful than Beatrice's or Laura's, in which respect neither complaint as against Burns, nor sorrow as for her should ever be obtruded on the world. It is enough for Mary and for mankind that Burns once loved her."—*Rev. Dr. Hately Waddell.*

Dedicated to
DUNCAN MACGREGOR CRERAR, Esq.,
Of New York,
A NATIVE OF AMULREE, BREADALBANE, PERTHSHIRE;
A POET OF TRUE MERIT;
AND WHO WAS THE EFFICIENT AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED SECRETARY
OF THE
NEW YORK BURNS SOCIETY,
FOR NEARLY A QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

