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LIFE OF THE AUTHOR.

ROBERT ANDERSON was born on the morning of the 1st of February, 1770, at the Dam-Side, a suburb of the city of Carlisle. He says of himself, "I was a poor little tender being, scarce worth the trouble of rearing. Old Isabel, the midwife, who had assisted at the birth of thousands, entertained many fears that I was only sent to peep around me, shed tears, and leave them: accordingly, ere twelve times I'd seen the light, to the church they hurried me; and I have sometimes had reason to exclaim,

Oh! that near my fathers they that day had buried me."

The poet was the youngest of nine children, whose parents were at that time somewhat advanced in years, and suffering all the privations of poverty, with the tedium of toil.

Robert, as indeed, it is probable, did all his brothers and sisters, owed the first rearing of his tender thought to the Mistress of a Charity School, instituted and maintained by the Dean and Chapter of Carlisle, for the education of children only—an admirable institution, and to which the departed bard has many times acknowledged his lasting obligations. Having at this humble seminary of elementary learning conquered the "Primer," and the "Reading made-easy," he was transferred to the more pretending tuition of a master, by whom he was taught to write, and advance in reading and spelling. He soon became a favourite with his tutor, and used to accompany him in his rambles