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Odes and Poems.

By ROB MORRIS, LL. D.,

MASONIC WRITER,

Thus life and beauty come to view,
In SACR RITUALS our fathers drew,
So glorious and sublime;
EACH breathes an odor from the bloom
Of gardens bright beyond the tomb,
Beyond the flight of time.

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TO
GEORGE OLIVER, D. D.,

OF SCOTPIC VICARAGE, ENGLAND.

YOUR RESEARCHES IN THE

History and Spirit of Musaic Symbolism

Have analyzed new interests and inaugurated a

BETTER ERA IN THE LITERATURE

OF THE BELLETT

ART.

THE LAMENTED SCOTT, OF MISSISSIPPI,

Was one of the sons of your genius, and an entire generation of Musaic writers
has acknowledged your preeminence.

PERMIT ONE OF THE HUMBLEST OF THE FAMILY TO

LAY AT YOUR FEET THIS VOLUME WRATH,

AND TO ASK ITS ACCEPTANCE

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PREFACE.

SOME of these pieces have gone the rounds of the press, masonic and secular, for a considerable period, and have attracted the favorable attention of the public. Others have been examined in manuscript by persons whose judgment in matters of this kind is admittedly worthy of consideration. The author has recited many of them in discourses to lodges and public assemblies. These authorities seem to concur in a verdict, and to express the wish that the pieces, as a whole, may be published.

Whatever predilection the author may feel for his literary offspring, he would not have ventured upon so daring an experiment as a volume of Masonic poems but for these assurances of favor; and if, after all, he has misunderstood the general expression upon this subject, he casts himself upon the forbearance of those whose good opinion he has so long sought to propitiate.

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