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ORIGINAL POETRY. For the "Star of the North." . ALL EARTILLY JOYS ARE FLEETING.

Where are the friends that once I knew In youth's bright sunny hours ? They've passed away, as morning dew Melts from the summer flowers.

Where are the gleams of hope that chettered My lonely path awhile ? 'fhey've vanished, like the meteor's ray, Or friendship's fickle smile.

Where are the hours that once I spent Without one troubled dream? Like friends and hopes, they've passed away Adown life's rapid stream.

Oh, withered is the wreath we wove Of friendship's fragrant flowers; And dead the hopes that cheered our hearts In childhood's sunny hours.

With some, life is one sunny day ;

Why are such joys not mine? Cease wicked heart, thy murmurings, How dar'st thou so repine?

As gold is melted in the fire, To free it from the dross; So sorrows here to us are sent To guide us to the Cross.

Lord, guide my erring feet aright, And shield me with thy love : So may I live, that I may share A home with Thee, above. LILLIAN

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From Benton's Thirty Years View. DEATH OF SILAS WRIGHT.

He died suddenly at the age of fifty-two. and without the sufferings and premonitions which usually accompany the mortal transit from time to eternity. A letter that he wasreading was seen to fall from his hand ; a physician was called : in two hours he was lead-apoplexy the cause.

Though dying at the age deemed young in a statesman, he had attained all that long life could give—high office, national fame, fixed^{*} character and naiversal esteem. He had run the career of honors in the State of New York-been representative and senator in Congress-and had refused more offices, and higher, than he ever accepted. He refused cabinet appointments under his fast friend, Mr. Van Buren, and under M. Polk, whom he may be said to liave elected; he refused seat on the bench of the Federal Supreme Court; he rejected instantly the nomination of 1844 for Vice-President of the United States, when that nomination was the elec-He refused to be put in nomination for the Presidency. He refused to accept for-

eign missions. He spent that time in declining office which others did in winning it; and of those he did accept, it might be well said they were 'thrust' Office, not greatness, was thrust He was born great, above office, which washed its northern side, and dividing upon him. upon him. He was born great, above office, and unwillingly descended to it; and only took it for its burdens, and to satisfy an importunate public demand. Mind, manners, orals, temper, habits, united in him to form the character that was perfect, both in public and private life, and to give the example of a pairiot citizen—of a farmer statesman—of which we have read in Cincinnatus and Ca-to, and seen in Mr. Macon and some others duty, and the exemplification of every social and moral virtue. of their stamp-created by nature-formed in no school: and of which the instances are

eo rare and long between. His mind was clear and strong, his judgment solid, his elecution smooth and equa-ble, his speaking always addressed to the grand by his proved equal to the emer-

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understanding, and always enchaining the attention of those who had minds to understand. Grave reasoning was his forte. Aralways the line of guntentation eech. He spoke to the head, not to the ssions; and would have been disconcerted see anybody laugh or cry at anything he said. His thoughts evolved spontaneously, in natural and proper order, clothed in lan-guage of force and clearness; all so naturatly and easily conceived that an extemporaneous speech, or the first draught of an intricate report, had all the correctness of a finished composition. His manuscript had no blotsa proof that his mind had none; and he wrote a neat compact hand, suitable to a lear and solid mind.

He came into the Senate, in the beginnin of General Jackson's administration, and re took a ready and active part in all the great debates of those eventful times. The ablest speakers, of the opposite swer him; and when he answered them, to they showed by their anxious concern, that M the adversery was upon them whose force it they dreaded most. Though taking his full part upon all subjects, yet finance was his matter and the partment, always chairman of speakers of the opposition always had to an swer him; and when he answered them, they showed by their anxious concern, that the adversary was upon them whose force they dreaded most. Though taking his full part upon all subjects, yet finance was his part upon all subjects, yet finance was his part upon all subjects, yet finance was his that committee, when his party was in pow-er, and by the lucidity of his statements ma-king plain the most intricate moneyed de-tails. He had a just conception of the difference between the functions of the Finance Committee of the Senate, and the Commit-tee of Ways and Means of the House-reso little understood in these later times: these of the latter founded in the prerogative of the House to originets all reveue bills; these

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