

CHARLES BERTRAM IMMORTAL MEMORY (1908).

Mr Bartram said that no man passed through so many trials and troubles, and yet had the heart to lift him up again, as Robert Burns had. No poet ever sang the joys and sorrows of the poor man's lot more vividly than he could they find a poet who touched the heart strings more than he did?? The reason he appealed to them so much was because he spoke to them in their own homely language, which anyone, be he ever so lonely in station, could understand, and he reached the hearts of everyone by his sympathy for animate and inanimate objects. Where would they find a more tender feeling than that expressed in his poem to the field mouse, when he inadvertently turned over its nest with the plough, or in his lines to the daisy? It was his love of everything that made life worth living, and, in fact, he could cast a halo round any object he wrote about. Burns wrote songs which appealed not to Scotsmen alone, but to nearly all the English speaking peoples of the world.