

JOHN W. HOWAT IMMORTAL MEMORY. (1911).

The toast, of "The Immortal Memory" was proposed by the Chairman, who, in the course of a short speech, interspersed with quotations from the various works of the poet, said that it had been said of Burns by a celebrated author, that he sang of all things Scotch, from her mountains to her field mice, from her forests to her daisies, from her nobles and poets to her jolly beggars, from her most solemn religious services to her wildest revelries. He had done this with a prophetic foresight. There were those who condemned the poet with great severity. In their judgment he was the impersonation of all that was bad. When he met with individuals of that description, he always felt inclined to direct their attention to Burns's "Address to the UncoGuid." They had met that night to pay a cordial tribute of respect to Burns's genius, and that he was a genius of high order was universally admitted. He asked them to 'honour the great refiner of human feelings, the expounder of human sympathy, and the disciple of nature.