

" Then—what a source o' satisfaction
 " To good Sir Charles—and all our faction ;
 " Wi' joy they'll near be in distraction,
 " When they hae seen
 " Such noble symptoms o' reaction
 " In Aberdeen.

" Your Bannermans and Bruces went,
 " And, at the links, their blether spent,
 " About Reform ; but I took tent,
 " In case the Duke
 " Might gie affairs another bent,
 " By hook or crook.

" Yet, since Reform's the fashion, I,—
 " As far as rational, will try—
 " A little—tho' to boast I'm shy ;
 " Elect me, and,
 " What ' change comes o'er me,' by and by,
 " You'll understand.

" Fools ay are fond o' something new,
 " I wudna wonder, then, tho' you
 " Cry out for Burgh changes too,
 " If that's the case,
 " I'd rather hint at something now,
 " Than lose my place.

" Wae's me that an election should
 " Gie rise to contests and ill blood :
 " I'm sure, to canvass such a crowd
 " 's a perfect bother ;
 " Were I returned—we never should
 " Hae such another.