

THE FRIEND OF MAN;
AND HIS FRIENDS,—
THE POETS.

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"The Almighty who gave the dog to be the companion of our pleasures and our toils, hath invested him with a nature noble and incapable of deceit. He forgets neither friend nor foe, remembers with accuracy both benefit and injury. He hath a share of man's intelligence, but no share of man's falsehood. You may bribe an assassin to slay a man, or a witness to take away his life by a false accusation, but you cannot make a dog tear his benefactor."—*Sir Walter Scott.*

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TO THE MEMORY OF

MY DEAR DOG

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