

Miss Anderson.

With Regards of
The Author.

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TO
THE MEMORY
OF
JOSEPH HENRY;
THE POET OF SCIENCE.

For he hath caused to be written on the water, and
the wind, and every whither, the
autograph of sound.

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ANNIS BOUDINOT STOCKTON.

Author of "The Triumph of Mildness."

Excerpt from a Letter addressed to her by Gen. Washington :

ROCKY HILL, Sept. 2d, 1783.

You apply to me, my dear madam, for absolution, as though I were your father confessor. If it is a crime to write elegant poetry, and if you will come and dine with me on Thursday, and go through the proper course of penitence, I will strive hard to acquit you of your poetical trespasses.

Your most obedient and obliged servant,

GEO. WASHINGTON.

MRS. STOCKTON.

ODE TO WASHINGTON.

With all thy country's blessings on thy head,
And all the glory that encircles man,
Thy deathless fame to distant nations spread,
And realms unblest by Freedom's genial plan ;
Addressed by statesmen, legislators, kings,
Revered by thousands as you pass along,
While every muse with ardor spreads her wings,
To greet our hero in immortal song :
Say, can a woman's voice an audience gain,

And stop a moment thy triumphal car?
And wilt thou listen to a peaceful strain,
Unskilled to paint the horrid wrack of war?
For what is glory? What are martial deeds,
Unpurified at Virtue's awful shrine?
Full oft remorse a glorious day succeeds—
The motive, only, stamps the deed divine.
But thy last legacy, renownèd chief,
Hath decked thy brow with honors more sublime—
Twined in thy wreath, the Christian's firm belief,
And nobly owned thy faith to future time.