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## INTRODUCTORY.

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'T is a hard thing to judge the past aright,  
Harder to judge the present, though it be  
Before our eyes in stern reality :  
Nought of the beautiful, the ideal, the bright,  
Haloes the things that meet the common sight :  
To find the lovely in the walks of life,  
The music of humanity in strife,  
Kindness in sternness, gentleness in might,  
May try the mind as much as to unfold  
The mouldering records of departed times,  
And more shall try the heart ; too warm, too cold,  
To judge of present hopes, and schemes, and  
crimes ;  
How changed will they appear throughout the gloom  
Of coming years—our life seen from our tomb !