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MY FRIEND AND MY FATHER'S FRIEND,

LOCHIEL.



*These few uncultured trifles to the score
Of thy known worth, approved to me, I lay;
Ere yet the hills are dun and forests grey:—
Because a friendship was my sire's of yore,*

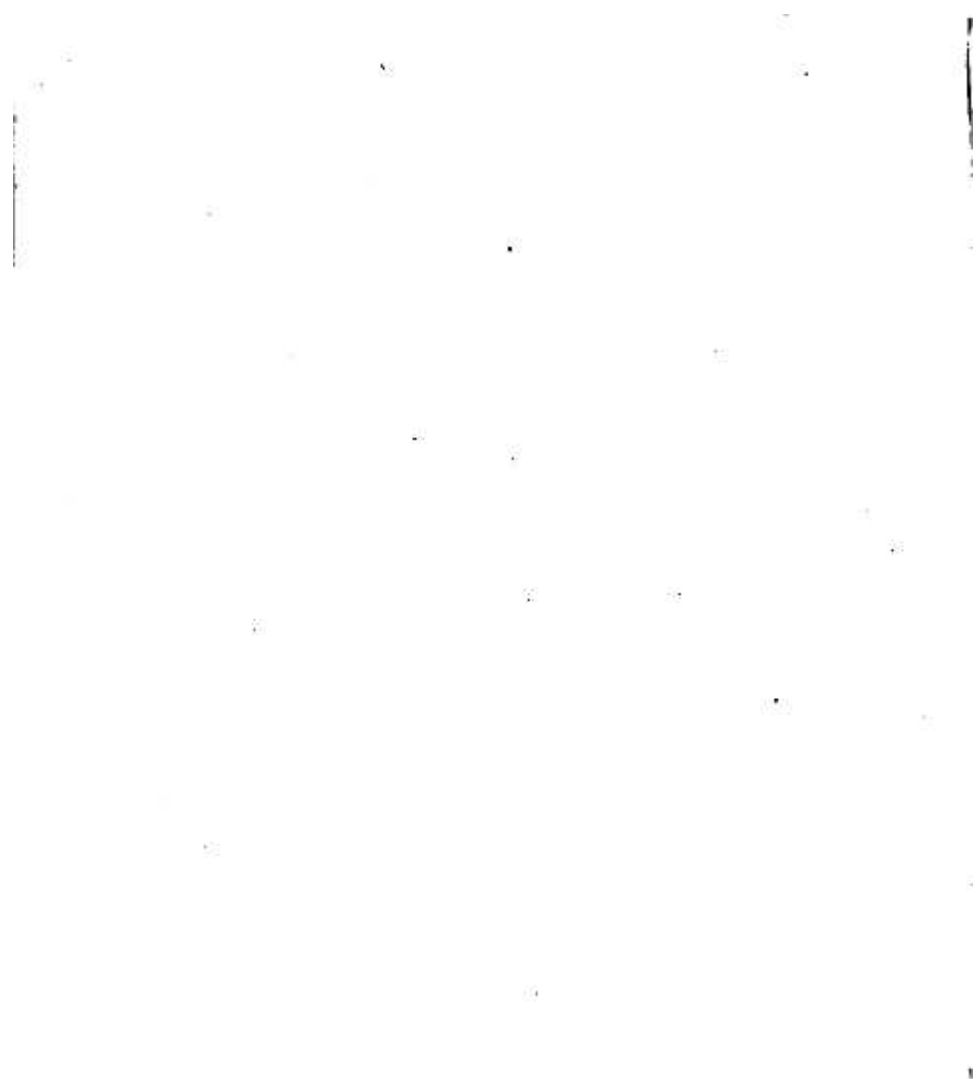
*Is mine, and precious—as the Seasons' ore
That on thy beech-leaves doth in splendour weigh
From Autumn's Midas-touch. Oh! bright as they
Be Fortune's favours scattered at thy door.*

*May Life no heavier shade than cast those boughs
Show her that wears, and him that bears thy name,
And she shall bind the precepts on his brows*

*Wherewith nigh two-score Chiefs have graced Lochiel,
That he may keep these titles to their fame—
The "brave," the "wise," the "gentle," and the "leal!"*

E. M. W.

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