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DEDICATION.

Jesus! my blessed Lord, to Thee
I consecrate my powers;
Acknowledged all Thy gifts to me,
Received as genial showers.
And as the rill and river to the sea,
So let all that I have and am return to Thee.

P R E F A C E .

THESE "scattered leaves" of rhyme or poetry, as they shall be deemed worthy of either appellation, are sent out to the world, partly to satisfy the wishes of a few friends, and also because they could be of no use lying idle; and if capable of doing good, the napkin in which the talent (however humble) is wrapped might testify against me. Some of the pieces would have been more appropriate at the time they were written, as will be evident to the reader. For instance, no attempt had then been made, rightly or wrongly, to sully the character of H. W. Beecher, to whom allusion is made in "Baby Farming." Other instances will be found of the same nature. Being "alike unknown to fortune and to fame," my pieces were not always received by our local papers. I doubt not but there will be errors of various kinds, some of which might have been avoided, had I published earlier; and if there are any errors in the sentiment, I trust it is owing to a tender heart towards my fellow-creatures,

Am sorry to find, at this time of my life, that I have not paid sufficient attention to the Temperance Question, as represented by our National Poetry; and to excuse myself in this neglected, but important matter, I view the drink traffic, and consequences, with such grief, that, if I were capable, and went into the subject, I should break my heart, or, at least, my harp-strings, and be used up in the attempt! "O that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people." With love to all my fellow-creatures, yours sincerely,

JANE MOORE.

15, View Street, Bolton-le-Moors.

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