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“ To mak' a happy fireside shine
 To weans and wife,
That's the true pathos and sublime
 O' human life.”

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P R E F A C E.

THE present forms the last of a trio of volumes of verse, namely—"Idylls o' Hame"; "Poems" (1880); and "Willie Waugh; and Other Poems." These three, I am led to believe, contain the best of my poetical effusions; while the two latter contain, also, not a few poems by my daughter, ELLEN C. NICHOLSON. Besides these, my Temperance Poems occupy two smaller volumes—"Kilwuddie," and "Tibbie's Garland"; while my Educational vols. comprise "Father Fernie, the Botanist," and "Nightly Wanderings in the Gardens of the Sky"; so that, altogether, I should say—for one denied even the common rudiments of a school education—I have written enough: quite enough to afford the world the opportunity of deciding as to their worth, and more than enough should that decision be adverse in its character.

The results, so far as they have transpired, are to me very satisfactory; knowing that they have given pleasure to many, and also aided not a few in the great battle of Life. They

have, besides, been the means of greatly enlarging my circle of friends, and endearing me to many hearts.

It will be found that "The Clock and the Bellows," and one or two other poems, have been transferred from my temperance volumes to the present one, as being their more appropriate place.

As I have elsewhere said, my daughter's pieces speak for themselves; and will, I have no doubt, one day form a volume by themselves.

Meanwhile we avail ourselves of this opportunity of thanking our many subscribers for the aid they have afforded us in bringing this new effort before the reading public.

Merryflats, Govan, 1884.

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