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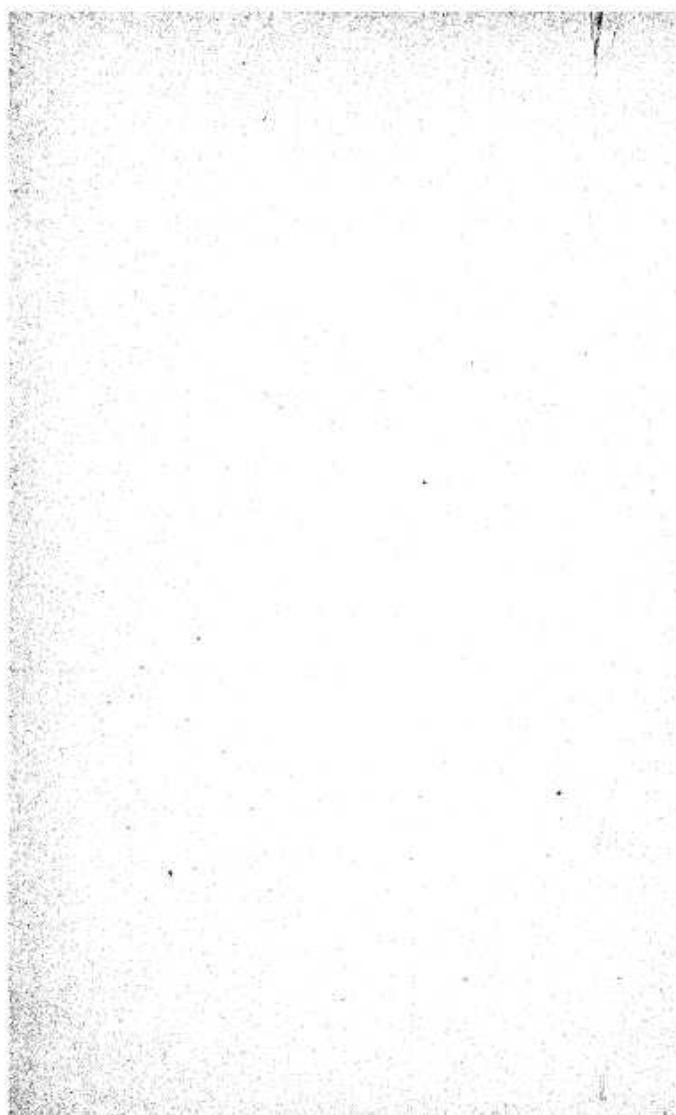
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Preface.

THE following selection has been prepared for publication as a companion volume to "English Sonnets by Living Writers:"—and it is hoped that in these two anthologies, the one including the authors of the Past and the other those of the Present, the whole of our best English sonnet-literature will be found to be fairly represented. Several poets and sonneteers that have been omitted,—in a few instances somewhat strangely omitted,—from previous selections, are here, for the first time, allowed to occupy that space to which they are so justly entitled, and from which they have apparently been driven by supplanters of a lower rank. The Editor would especially call attention to the