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A FEW words are necessary as an introduction to this book of Poems; since, without explanation, the meaning of some of them would not be sufficiently clear to general readers. They have been written by my eister at various times, and without any intention of having them published. In the year 1852, she entirely lost her hearing from a severe attack of scarlet fever, which disease at the same time carried off two of her brothers, a sister, and an aunt. To the former of these misfortunes allusion is made in the poem called "Never

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More!" the latter is alluded to in "Voices of the Dead."

"Farewell" was written on the occasion of a young relation leaving home to join her father in India.

In 1862 her mother died, and this forms the mournful subject of "My Mother's Bible," and "The Vacant Chair."

The historical pieces speak for themselves, and no comment will be necessary upon those of a sacred character. "The Old Man's Dream," and "The Death of the Minstrel King," were her earliest poems, and were written shortly after she became deaf, she being at that time twelve years of age.

R. J. B.

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Adelaide Road, Hampstead, February 1884.

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