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OF

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BRADBURY AND EVANS,
PRINTERS-EXTRAORDINARY TO THE QUEEN,
WHITEFRIARS.

WHO WERE
OLDFATHER
YEARRE!

MEMORIALS
OF
A RESIDENCE ON THE CONTINENT,
AND
HISTORICAL POEMS.

TO
THE VISCOUNTESS GALWAY.

MY DEAR SISTER,

It is a custom of that graceful people among whom we have lived so long, to accompany the nuptials of their relations and friends with the dedication of some literary record,—some memorial of a nature more permanent or reproductive than can belong to other tokens of courtesy and regard.

On this solemn celebration I do not know what more becoming offering I could make to you than these Poems, the greater part of which refer to that

period and that country, to what we there have seen, to what we there have felt together,—to those common thoughts which we should be unwilling, if not unable, to apportion,—to those sympathies, of which we cannot tell the links, even when most conscious of the chain.

Let, then, these echoes harmonize with the tones of prayer and benediction; let memory minister to hope for the progress and accomplishment of your happiness.

And, in truth, how naturally do such mingled feelings grow up and cluster about your marriage-altar! for your present destiny is rather the ripening of familiar affections, than any sudden change and transference of the relations of life and love; your new home will be peopled with old associations, and your children may stand around the hearth where you, in your childhood, played.

For those, whose days are thus bound together in filial succession of reverence and delight, the worst conditions of humanity are overruled, and time has taken something of the being of eternity.

Be of thankful heart, then, my dearest sister, for this and all other blessings,—for happiness enjoyed and happiness awaited,—for the love you have dispensed and the love you have won,—and, above all, for the power that is in you to fulfil the Christian ideal—to live in joy and peace, forgetting not the unhappy.

LONDON, APRIL 25TH, 1838.