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While these are censors 'twould be sin to spare.
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I HAVE been told by an unknown adviser in the public press, that it is very unwise to answer criticism. But, surely, the application of such a rule must depend both on the nature of the criticism, and the character of the work criticised. A poet, or a novelist, is generally very ill-advised if he attempts a reply to his critics. But where the subject matter is essentially controversial, to remain silent like a lamb before his shearer, is to leave untenable and misleading arguments unanswered, and to give a free hand to misunderstanding and misrepresentation. This, in the interest of the controversy itself, and of the object in view, viz., the discovery of truth, I am unwilling to do, nor