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TO  
JOHN HUNTER, ESQ.  
AUDITOR OF THE COURT OF SESSION.

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DEAR FRIEND, who by Corstorphine's bosky bower,  
From the shrill strife of wrangling law remote,  
Reapest the mellow fruits of quiet thought,  
Receive in Jeffrey's quaint and ivied tower  
This little book. Though from the grand parade  
Of printed verdicts thou hast long been free,  
The man who loved the Muse still found in Thee  
A judge to value, and a friend to aid.  
Thou, the nice student of fine-thoughted Keats,  
Mayst find my rhymes cast in too rough a mould  
For thy keen sense, fed with essential sweets:  
If so, speak free; I'll take thy blame for gold,  
And count their coin for brass, with false fair phrase  
Who blow the flattering trump before my Lays.

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## PREFATORY NOTE.

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FROM this second edition of the 'Lays and Legends of Ancient Greece' I have excluded all the miscellaneous poems, which occupied about the half of the original edition, but which had no connection with the part which gave the title to the volume. I have also excluded one Hellenic poem—the "Pythagoras"—because its dramatic treatment naturally removed it to my 'Wise Men of Greece,' in which company, accordingly, in an expanded and improved shape, it will be found. The best of the other poems were republished



either in my 'Lays of the Highlands and Islands,' or in my 'Songs of Religion and of Life,' in accordance with the category to which they seemed naturally to belong.

J. S. B.

OBAN, 1st October 1880.

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