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BY MISS AIRD,
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"The sounds, the strains of Truth that start,
Spontaneous from the glowing heart,
To other hearts restless glide;
'Tis Truth alone that sanctifies
Song's sweetest, rudest harmonies;
We pray that these be sanctified."

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TO THE
Right Hon. the Countess of Eglinton & Winton,
THIS VOLUME,
THE "HOME OF THE HEART,"
WITH EVERY TOKEN OF ESTEEM FOR HER LADYSHIP'S
WORTH,
is Respectfully Dedicated,
BY
HER HUMBLE SERVANT,
THE AUTHORESS.

DEDICATION.

LADY,—for the honour high,
To dedicate my lays to thee,
And wreath my Doric minstrelsy
Around your Noble Family tree!
Accept the tribute of my lyre—
A "bridal wreath" to thee and thine—
That faith and love it would inspire,
Within thy "heart and home" may shine!

BIRTH-DAY AND BRIDAL SONG, ON THE RIGHT HON.
THE EARL OF EGLINTON AND WINTON'S MARRIAGE
WITH LADY SOPHIA PELHAM.

TUNE—"Scots wha hae."

WAVE the purple banner high!
Shoot the rocket in the sky!
Boom the cannon joyously,
Round Castle o' Montgomerie!
Festal garlands arch the way,
To welcome Lord and Lady gay;
With mirth and music crown the day,
The Birth-day o' Montgomerie!

Woods and waters softly sing;
Bells from tower and castle ring;
Hall and cot, your beauty bring,
To greet our Lord Montgomerie!
Through the woods let echo call
Evergreens to deck the hall;
Roses, lilies, gather all,
To crown the *Bride* Montgomerie!

The Thistle and the English rose,
That "now in noble union" grows,
Long may they live "afar frae foes,"
In Castle o' Montgomerie;
From east and west, auld Scotia's pride,
In beauty gather, side by side,
To greet the Bridegroom and the Bride,
In Castle o' Montgomerie!

Now, Irvine, sing a silver song,
Your green and flowery banks along,
While crowds of gallant nobles throng
The Castle o' Montgomerie!
And o'er the broad domain be sung
The joy of Lord and Lady—one;
Our ancient House of Eglinton,
Now "Pelham and Montgomerie!"

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