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LADY LOCH.

THIS little work I humbly dedicate
To one who in supreme position placed,
Has eulogy obtained from small and great,
And nought has handled that she has not graced.

She of society the honoured head,
With ease and dignity sustains her part ;
Her sympathetic acts a lustre shed,
Which finds reflection in the people's heart.

And when her no less honoured lord and she
Shall from Australia's land have disappeared,
In many after years I can foresee
The name of LADY LOCH will be revered.

H. H. H.



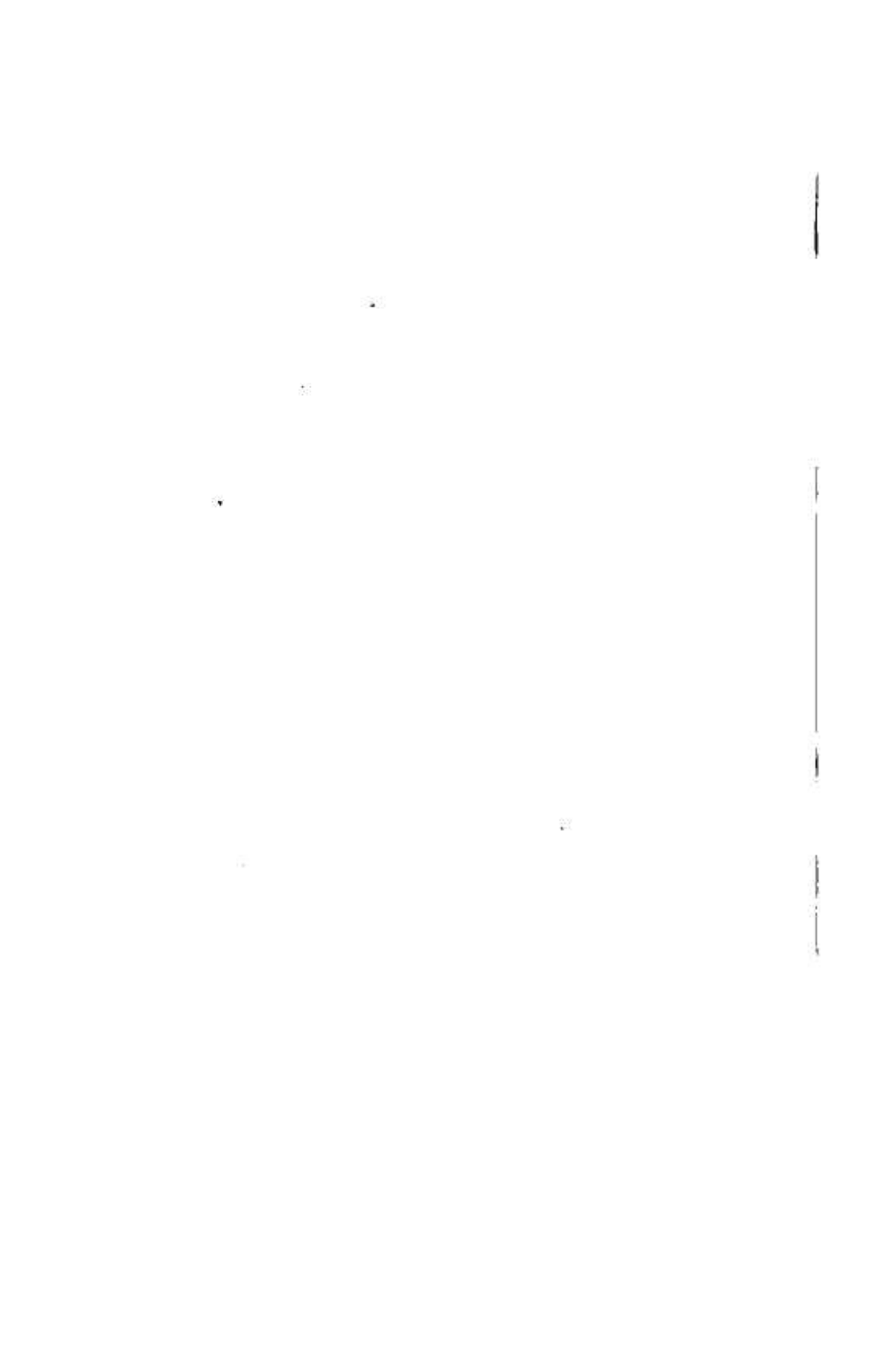
P R E F A C E.

THE narrative embodied in the first of the following Poems, "My Christmas Adventure," which, although written some time since, is now published for the first time—is founded on fact in regard to some of its incidents. It is right, however, to mention that, although the tale is written in the first person singular, the events referred to did not happen to the Author.

The second story, "Carboona," was originally published in the *Victorian Review* of September, October and November, 1885. To meet the exigencies of publication it had to be written rather hastily, and but little time could be allowed for revising the proofs; it, therefore, contained many imperfections. Notwithstanding these, however, it met with commendation in various quarters, and this has induced the Author to revise and partly re-write it; and although it does not yet satisfy him, he believes it will be found to read with greater smoothness than when first published.

The shorter Poems were written at various times, chiefly during holiday excursions. Some were written in the visitors' books at the various places stayed at during such excursions, it is needless to say without any view of their being afterwards published. It is thought, however, that they may be of interest to persons visiting such places, and this accounts for their appearance in this volume.

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