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## P R E F A C E.

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IN publishing these Poems, I beg to state that they were composed at long intervals snatched from the incessant demands and ever-pressing cares of life and business; therefore the critic must not expect to find them constructed in accordance with the exact rules of his art. I myself am dissatisfied with them; but, before trying to mend them, I propose to myself a question which I wish the public to help me to solve. It is this,—Have I a natural gift which, if cultivated, would enable me to write really good and lasting poetry? If not, life is too short and its moments too precious to be spent in trying to improve that which I do not possess. If Providence has given me this talent, it is my duty to improve it, and to consecrate it to the noblest of purposes. My highest ambition is to



speaking courage and hope to the toiling and suffering masses of my fellow men, and to strike up such notes as shall accord with the sympathies and higher aspirations of their nature.

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