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THE title of this little volume perhaps sufficiently indicates its character. I may however be allowed to say that its contents have been selected, as the most worthy of attention, out of a much larger number of similar compositions, which have come into existence during the last twenty-three years, as the occasion occurred, or the phase of feeling or thought which they attempt to embody. It would be easy to add reasons (satisfactory to myself) both for my thinking them worthy of publication, and for my venturing to give them the name of "Short Poems," rather than "Verses," at the same time that I am fully, perhaps painfully, aware of the limits beyond which they cannot, and do not, aspire. But I have thought it better not to do so. Those who find anything to like in these pages, will not need any such apologies; while those who think them unworthy of notice, or any notice beyond a passing sneer, assuredly would not heed them.

Westwell Rectory,
December 17th, 1857.

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