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DEDICATORY SONNET

TO EDWIN P. WHIPPLE, ESQ., OF BOSTON.

O FRIEND! between us, for long dreary years,
Distance and Fate have raised their barriers strong;
Yet Love, surviving, takes the wings of Song,
And flies to greet thee; whatsoe'er appears
Of false or feeble in these various lays,
Forgive; the heart is in them, and to thee
The lowliest strains of true sincerity
Rise like the music of a voice of praise.
Though thou hast searched the souls of greatest Seers,
Shakespeare, and Spenser, Sidney, — to the core
Of their deep natures probing o'er and o'er, —
Still not the less to humbler bards are given
Thy faith and homage, — for the Poet's lore,
Or great or small, is knowledge caught from
Heaven!

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PREFACE.

THE first and longest poem in this volume is founded upon a story contained in that most charming of recent Essayical and Legendary Miscellanies, "The Indicator," by Leigh Hunt. Hunt's story is a version of a very pleasing tradition. Parts of it could in no way be improved. These I have followed literally, but the tale admitted of expansion, and I have, therefore, introduced several new incidents, besides endeavoring to give to the narrative a cast more purely ideal.

The reader will remark that no small portion of this work is composed of Sonnets. Many of these were included in a volume issued from a Southern press in 1857. The edition, originally small, was partially suppressed.

With regard to the Miscellaneous Pieces, I would say, that, excepting five or six poems taken from a collection of more youthful verses, and subjected to the necessary revision, they have before appeared *only* in the columns of literary journals and magazines.

THE AUTHOR.

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