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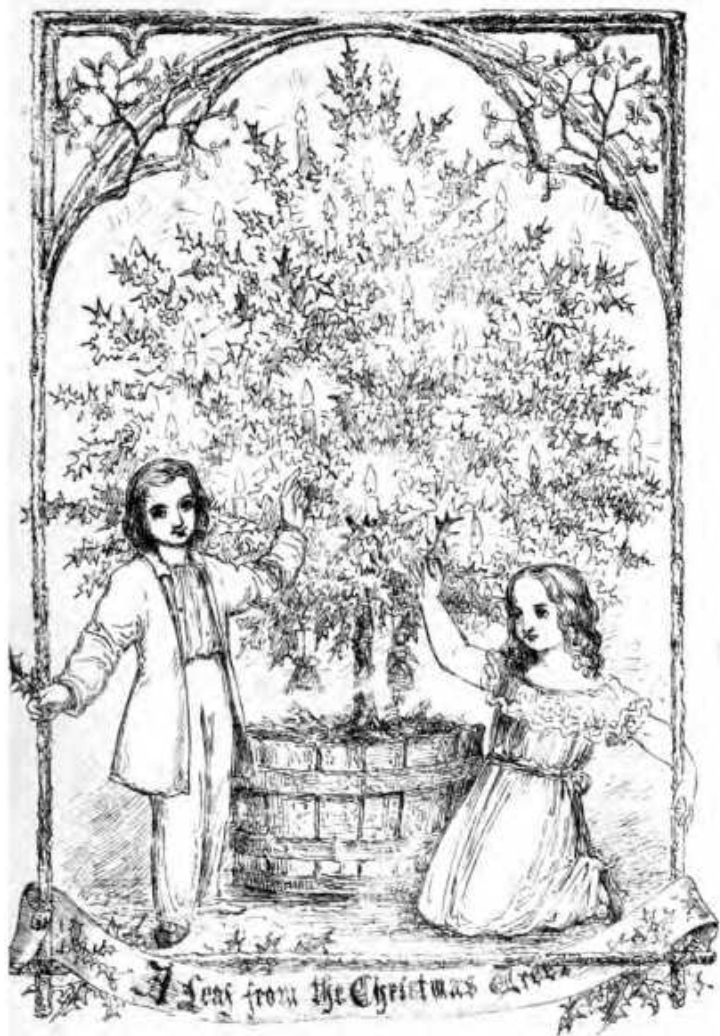
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TO HER EXCELLENCY

THE COUNTESS OF EGLINTON,

THESE TALES ARE, BY PERMISSION,

Dedicated,

WITH THE DEEPEST RESPECT AND GRATITUDE, BY

THE TRANSLATOR



TO YOUNG READERS.

TO all Children the Editor heartily commends this bright "Leaf of a Christmas Tree;" for among Children he feels happy in counting over many dear friends, whom he can at all times love, trust, and care for. It may, he thinks, give them pleasure to know that these Tales are now published for the benefit of two such little friends, the one a dark-eyed boy of six, and the other a fair-haired maiden of four, who, by the death of their Father (a Clergyman) in the Irish Fever of 1848, were left to the sole care of their widowed

Mother, herself wholly unprovided for, and "a stranger in a foreign land." To that foreign land she has nevertheless clung, in hopes that she may be enabled to bring up her little ones in the Church of their Father, and their Fathers' Fathers; and, as an aid towards their maintenance, she has now translated these Tales of her own German "Fatherland."

For the sake of his little Friends, the Editor trusts that these fair flowers of German soil will not droop through being transplanted, but will now flourish like Christmas roses amid the snows of merry old England's Christmas-tide.

F. G. W.

Bussage.

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