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TO
MY FATHER
THIS LITTLE BOOK
NOT AS BEING WORTHY BUT AS ALL I HAVE
IS DEDICATED

I cannot add one tendril to your bays,
Worn quietly where who love you sing your praise ;
But I may stand
Among the household throng with lifted hand,
Upholding for sweet honour of the land
Your crown of days.

PREFACE TO THE THIRD EDITION

I CANNOT be for ever explaining what I intended when I wrote this book. Upon this, its third appearance, even though it is to rank in that good company which wears the crimson of Eversley, it must take its chance, undefended by its conscious parent. He feels, indeed, with all the anxieties, something of the pride of the hen, who conducts her brood of ducklings to the water, sees them embark upon the flood, and must leave them to their buoyant performances, dreadful, but aware also that they are doing a finer thing than her own merits could have hoped to win them. So it is here. I did not at the outset expect a third edition in any livery; I may still fear a wreck for this cockboat of my early invention; but I hope I am too respectful of myself to try throwing oil upon the waters.