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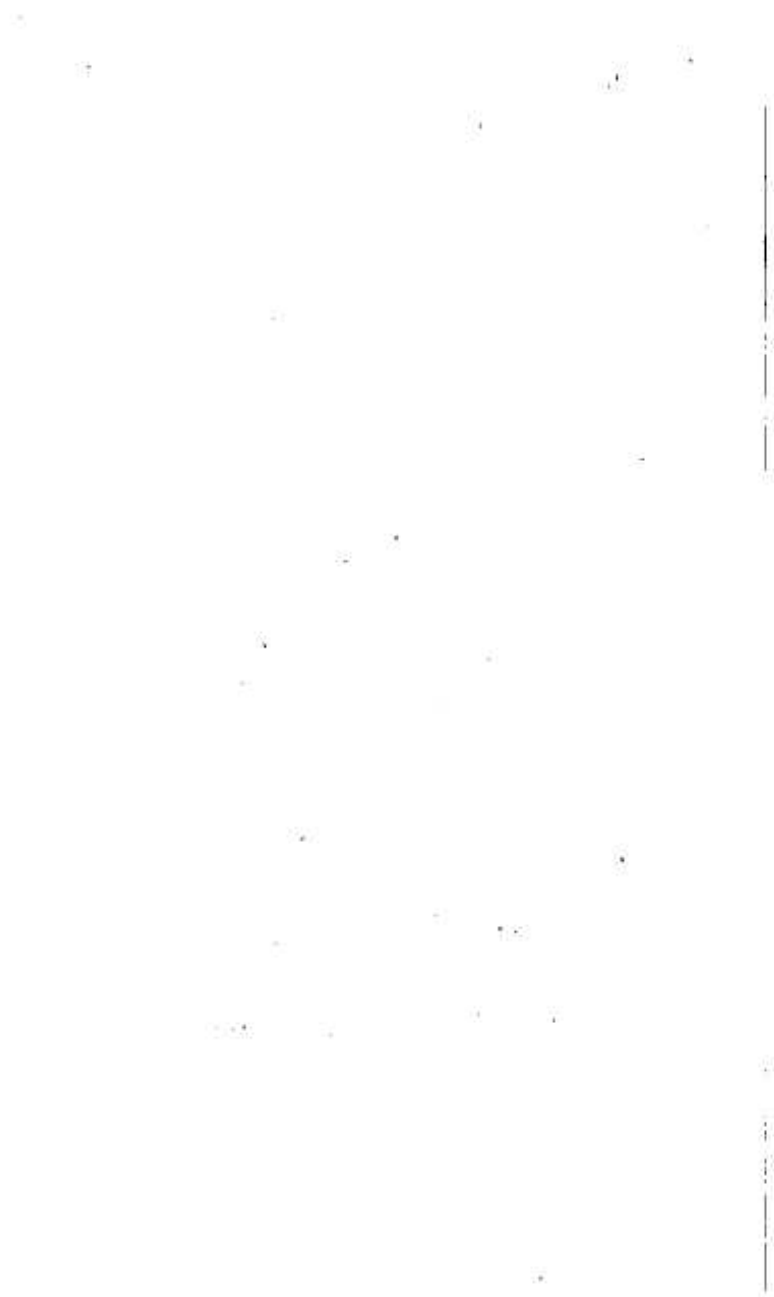
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To
The Right Honourable
The
Earl of Chichester
This
Little Book
of
Poems
Is, by Permission,
Most Respectfully Dedicated.





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POEMS AND LYRICS.

CAMILLA AND GERTRUDE.

IN an old castle, which had faced the storms
Of full three hundred winters, and which now
Stood, with half-fallen towers, a preacher grey,
Telling of earth's decay and how all things
Must pass away, there lived, long years ago,
Two sisters, beautiful and sweet as fair.

Apart from all they grew, as gentle stars,
So far away that none may see how bright
The light they give ; pure and unstained were they ;
Nought knowing of the busy outer world
And all its gaiety and restless strife ;
Their world was closed within the walls of home.
Together roam'd they thro' the quiet woods,
By babbling brooks, o'er hills whose rugged brows
Tower'd, clothed in heather to the silent sky,
And on the vast sea-shore, where heavily
The white surf beat against the beach, and raised