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INTRODUCTION.

A NUMBER of the poems in this collection have been printed and praised by newspapers and magazines East, West, North, South. So many people have shown an interest in them that the authors are encouraged to hope that selections of their work between book-covers will afford some degree of satisfaction to the public. They have not re-strung the lute of Mr. Apollo, or interrupted the corn-planting of Mrs. Ceres; they have in no way offended the Kansans' ideas of poesy—for the best poetry made in Kansas is not that of the Study. It does not smell of the midnight oil. There is no Greek or Latin flavor to it. Time-worn Mythological figures have no place in its construction. Even songs of Ruins,

of Moonlight, of Babbling Brooks have given way to living fancies. One sees and feels all that is here written.

The "Rhymes of Two Friends" recall memories we love—the sound of a voice, the smile of a face, the touch of a hand. They appeal to the heart and soften the hard places in the struggle for life. Surrendering to their charms one becomes a Boy Innocent, a Young Man Eloquent, an Old Man Reminiscent. We shall be the better for reading these Rhymes again and again.

EWING HERBERT.

HIAWATHA, KANS., Aug. 15, 1893.



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