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PREFACE.

THE poetical effusions of immature age, though seldom marked by artistic skill or vigorous thought, may yet present attractions of another kind, worthy of some commendation. When distinguished by natural simplicity, or animated by the impulsive freshness and vivacity peculiar to youth, they cannot fail to be appreciated in a certain degree by minds imbued with the common sympathies of nature. These sympathies especially apply to the great bulk of mankind, represented by the working classes, to whom the Author of "Rhymes frae the Chimla-lug" appeals for recognition as a humble aspirant for their favour. He lays no claim to learned acquirements, classical excellence, or profundity of thought in his