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I DEDICATE

THIS LITTLE BOOK OF POEMS

TO

THE FRIENDS WHO KNOW ME.

NOTE BY THE AUTHOR.

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I OFFER no apology for casting this waif  
on the restless ocean of public opinion;  
it is neither the child of affluence nor  
misfortune. It bears my name: I alone  
am responsible for its failings.

ALFRED ALLEN.

*Fern Cottage,*

*Waverley, N. S. Wales,*

*1st Mo., 1883.*

"Gie me ae spark o' Nature's fire !  
That's a' the learning I desire ;  
Then, though I drudge through dub and mire,  
At pleugh or cart,  
My muse, though hamely in attire,  
May touch the heart."

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