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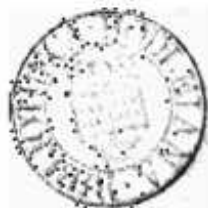


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AND SOME OF THEM ARE OURS."

MISS LANGRISH.



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## PREFACE.

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WHILST the notes of so many sweet lyres are heard throughout the domain of Poesy, enlivening the happy homes of our beloved country, it may be asked why the Authoress of these unpretending poems should think of bringing herself before the public? She will try to answer this anticipated enquiry.

Four of these poems, namely, "The Spirit of the Wind," "The Gentle Breezes," "Heaven," and "The Everlasting Arms," were some time ago printed upon cards, and will be known to many of the readers of this volume. The encouragement given to these, especially to "The Spirit of the Wind," and "The Gentle Breezes," far exceeded the writer's expectations; words of kindness and encouraging advice were spoken by many, and promises to aid her by their support and influence, should she at a future time think of publishing a collection of her poems. That time has arrived, and those promises, so far as opportunity has yet been given, have in almost every instance been

fulfilled. And now the writer would return her sincere and grateful thanks to her numerous subscribers; to the noble, the honoured, and the gifted, who have favoured her with their patronage; and last—though certainly *not least*—to all those who have taken so friendly an interest in forwarding her in the publication of her work.

She dare not expect that the volume will meet the expectation of *all*; still she would hope that each may find *something* in its contents of which they can approve. Some of its pages may perhaps awaken slumbering memories, or touch chords of sympathetic feeling in the heart of the reader: and, if not too much to wish for, she would hope that some who may not yet have seen anything lovely in the paths which are declared to be “pleasantness and peace”—may, while their feelings move with the measure of some of the verses—find their hearts entering into the spirit of the words, and seek to have their future tinged with the brightness of that promised glory which will be the certain inheritance of all who love the Lord.

*Stafford,*  
*August 3rd, 1854.*



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