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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

THE author of the following poems was born in 1870, was educated at Haileybury and Balliol College, Oxford, and lost his life in the Alps on July 16th, 1895, when in his twenty-sixth year. He had intended to adopt the profession of a schoolmaster, which had great attractions for him. He published, while an undergraduate, *Apospasmata Critica* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1892) and, shortly after taking his degree, *Poetarum Latinorum Index* (London: Methuen, 1894). He also produced translations of Appian's *Civil Wars*, Book I. (Blackwell, 1894), and of Professor Comparetti's *Vergil in the Middle Ages* (London: Sonnenschein, 1895).

Since his death there has appeared an *Index to a Selection of Greek Passages* (Blackwell, 1896), and also *Antimachus of Colophon and the Position of Women in Greek Poetry* (Sonnenschein, 1896). The former was intended to be a companion volume to the Latin Index already mentioned; the latter is a fragment of a larger work dealing with the origin of the romantic element in poetry, on which the author had been engaged for some time when he met with his death.

The present collection of poems is published in response to the wishes of several friends. Though written at considerable intervals, they were grouped and arranged by the author himself in an order substantially identical with that now adopted, and there is reason to believe that he wished to publish them.

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Ἐν γὰρ τῶν ἀδυνάτων ἡ χαλεπὴν ἐστὶ,
μὴ κοιωνήσαντας τῶν ἔργων κριτὰς γενέσθαι
σπουδαίους.

Arist. *Polit.* viii. 6.

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