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"That Great Altar, where the worst amongst us sometimes perform the worship of the beart, and where the best have offered up such sacrifices, and done such deeds of bereism, as, chronicled, would put the proudest troubles of Old Time, with all their vanuiting annals, to the blush."

CHARLES DICKERS.

MANCHESTER:

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TO

MRS. HUDSON

HARVERBRACK, WESTMORELAND.

MY DEAR MRS. HUDSON,

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It is with feelings of unmixed satisfaction that I avail myself of your kind permission to dedicate to you my metrical essays. Indeed, to whom could they be more appropriately devoted, than to one under whose roof the greater number of them were composed, and who has ever, in her own life, illustrated the beauty of the subject on which the chief of them treat? As an earnest tribute of esteem, an offering of sincere affection, I intreat you to receive my humble volume.

A few words regarding the Poems themselves may not be here misplaced. My aim has been to represent, though in a detached form, the influence, the importance, of a Religious Home,—of a holy and happy Hearth,— of woman's sway in its best and purest sense,—of the love, the duties, the mutual delight, that should unite the members of one family, the little band that God himself has knit together. The consequences of such a "Domestic Hearth" I have endeavoured to shew in the "Departure of the Missionary," "Ernest," and others; how far I have succeeded must be left for my readers to decide.

"Many of the "Miscellaneous Poems," and nearly all the "Poetical Emblems," have already been published, and, though conscious of their imperfections, it is altogether with more of hope than of fear that I send forth my volume; as, while from its want of pretension, it may escape the notice of the critic, I feel that at least it holds forth no false light to allure, no evil principle to mislead.

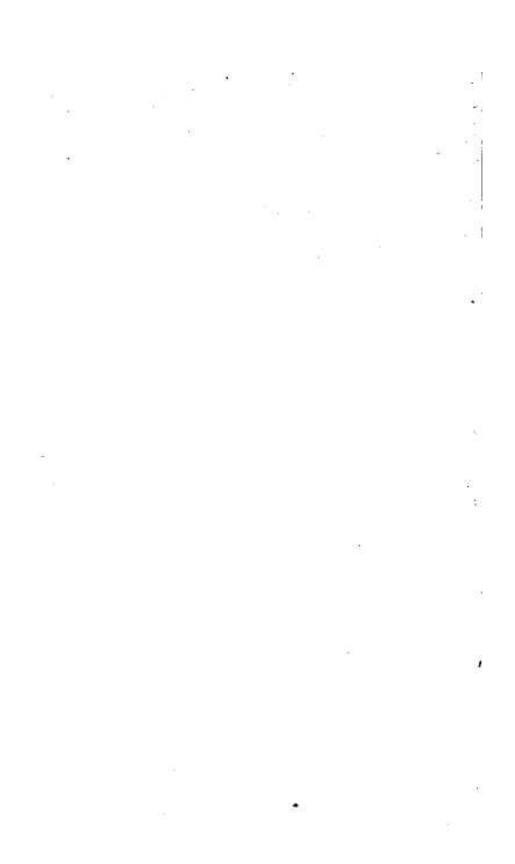
I remain, my dear Mrs. Hudson,
Your affectionate
ISABELLA CAULTON.

MANCHESTER, September 27th, 1843.

PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In again presenting her little volume to the notice of the Public, the Author cannot but express her acknowledgment of the kind reception the work received on its first appearance. She ventures to hope the present corrected edition may be equally fortunate, and the additional Poems it contains, meet with the same kind consideration as their companions have already done.

MANCHESTER, September 28th, 1844.



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