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" We cannot sit, inertly calm'd, to hear
" The silence broken by the step of life ;
" We must have music while we languish here,
" Loud music to annul our spirit's strife,
" To make the soul with pleasant fancies rife,
" And soothe the stranger from another sphere !"
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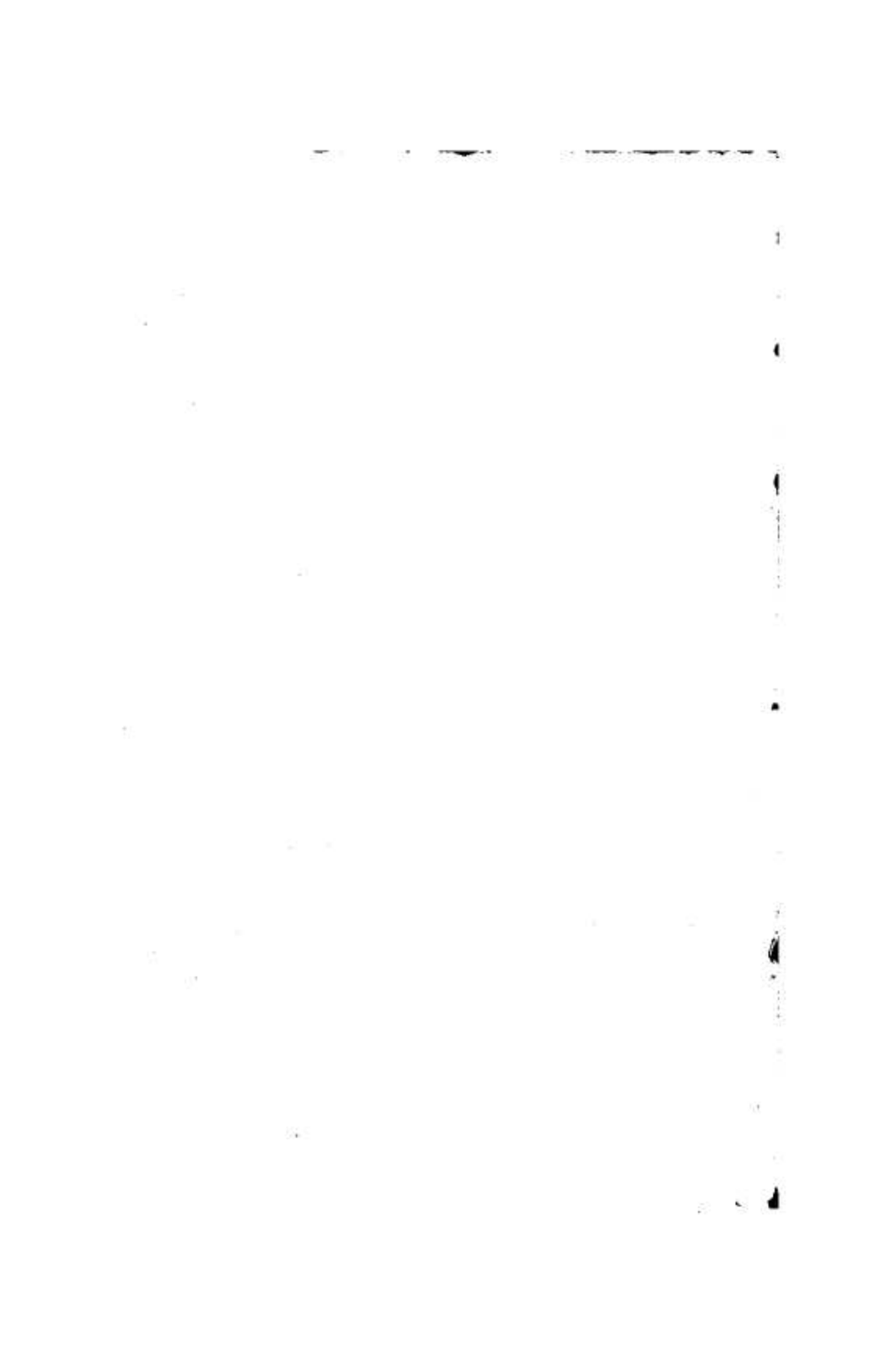
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P R E F A C E .

SEVERAL of the following Sketches have appeared year by year in the "SUDBURY POCKET BOOK;" in which the series will be continued. A few have been printed in other annuals. The rest are now published for the first time, excepting one of them which was admitted into "THE TRIBUTE."

With respect to the Mottos;—none of them are original; but in compassion to the passage-hunters, who since the settling of the Old Play and Old Fragment question, have been entirely "out of work," the authors' names are omitted.



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DEDICATORY VERSES.

" With what pretty Music
Shall we charm the hours ? "

I.

While the hush'd wind slumbers
Under the tree,
Sing I my low numbers
Mother to thee.
Light of thy children's path !
Shelter from troubles' wrath !
Best treasure *this* life hath !
Listen to me.

II.

While the bright hearth burning
Glimmereth clear—
While our steps home turning
All gather near—
Over our chimney fire,
Tuning the faint wire,
Star of this wild lyre !
Lend me thine ear.