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"Much have I travelled in the Realms of Gold,
And many goodly states and kingdoms seen."

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PREFACE

THERE is a definite purpose in this little volume, and I hope that it will be in some measure accomplished. My aim is to create in youthful readers a love of good literature, and in the early days of life that love can be most readily awakened by appealing to the poets and to the imaginative writers, whose works, akin to poetry, not only give delight to the young but are among their best teachers.

If once a love be felt for the things that are noble in our literature, if but a glimpse be gained of the Realms whose riches are free to all who have learnt to find in them a home, the pursuit of knowledge instead of being a drudgery will give a new impulse

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and animation to life. Should these "Talks" prove of service in the promotion of so good an end, they will not have been written in vain. The "Realms of Gold" was suggested by several papers in *Good Words*, of which some use has been made with the kind permission of the proprietors, but by far the larger portion of the book is printed for the first time.

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