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PREFACE.

Or the poems in this volume, 'Harold' was written, substantially, sixteen years ago, but withheld for various reasons. It is based on the well-known novel by the first Lord Lytton, to whom I gladly own an almost unlimited obligation. Of the minor poems, the 'Hodge' series, with the exception of the two last, are an attempt to represent the wants and wishes of the country-labourer in less-favoured districts; while those entitled 'Religio Academici' are submitted to the public with much hesitation, being so imperfect and tentative a treatment of a great subject.

Most of these minor poems have appeared from time to time in the *Spectator*, and are now reproduced by kind permission of the Editor.



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