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PHILADELPHIA:
LINDSAY AND BLAKISTON.

As one arranges in a simple vase,
A little store of unpretending flowers,
So gathered I some records of past hours,
And trust them, gentle reader, to thy grace ;
Nor hope that in my pages thou wilt trace
The brilliant proof of high poetic powers ;
But dear memorials of my happy days,
When Heaven shed blessings on my heart, like showers
Clothing with beauty ev'n the desert place ;
Till I, with thankful gladness in my looks,
Turned me to God, sweet nature, loving friends,
Christ's little children, well-worn ancient books,
The charm of art, the rapture music sends ;
And sang away the grief that on man's lot attends.

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