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PREFACE.

THE Birmingham Association of School Teachers invited me to read a paper on Edward Thring in the spring of 1888 in St. Edward's School. The subject chosen was, "Edward Thring, Teacher and Poet." Time forbade the reading of more than the first part of the paper. Friends have expressed a wish to see it and the second part. Hence this publication.

The Memorial Notice is republished from *The Spectator* of October 27, 1887, with some corrections.

The Sonnets are reprinted from the *Uppingham Magazine* of January, 1888. The Sonnets commemorative of the Uppingham School Tercentenary, June 26, 1884, are printed partly because they recall an occasion of which Edward Thring was naturally the central figure, partly because he had expressed a wish they should be put out in some permanent form.

The list of works by Edward Thring, and the biographical note of his life and family, have been added at the suggestion of some old pupils.

The photograph is reproduced from one of the most forcible likenesses extant of the late Headmaster, taken by O. G. Rylander, in 1873.

The introductory sentences of the address at Birmingham may serve as introduction here :—

“ The subject of our meeting to-night is one which, you may be sure, was not self-chosen. One almost fears to speak in public of a man to whom one owes in secret such debts, as any one who came immediately under so heroic and characterful an influence, must confess he owes to Edward Thring.

“ Yet none the less gladly would one publicly testify as a pupil, of whatever one had found to be true in the teaching of him who, master and friend from first to last, has left such impression of goodness and greatness upon the minds he roused and the hearts he inspired amongst one's contemporaries.”

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