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The author of these poems, FRANCIS ALEXANDER HOMFRAY, was born on MAY 9th, 1854, at a house called Court Saint Laurence, six miles from Monmouth. He was the only son of the Rev. Kenyon Homfray, M.A., Oxford, and had one sister.

These two children were educated at home by their father, a scholar of some standing, and they remember his reading aloud to them Pope's Homer, and their playing afterwards at Olympus in the garden, in an oak tree from which the brother hurled rotten branches as thunderbolts.

At the age of 13 he entered Winchester, having gained a scholarship there. In later years he spoke of the ordeal of going into a large school straight from home in a secluded country place.

From Winchester he went, in 1872, as scholar, to New College, Oxford where he took honours in classics.

He then decided to take Holy Orders and after a period of study at Gloucester Theological College he was ordained deacon in 1878 and priest in 1879.

After some years he retired from active clerical work, and living at Clifton, Bristol, devoted his time to private tuition and the study of the classics, literature generally, botany, poetry and music, etc.; at one time he contributed articles to the "Globe."

In 1893 he married Mary, second daughter of Captain Edward Poulden, R.N.

His first book of poems, "Idyls of Thought," was published by George Allen in 1898; the second, "Poems," was published by the Oxford University Press in 1930.

Mr. Homfray died on October 6th, 1928, at Clevedon, Somersetshire, where his wife still lives.

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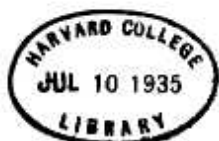
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