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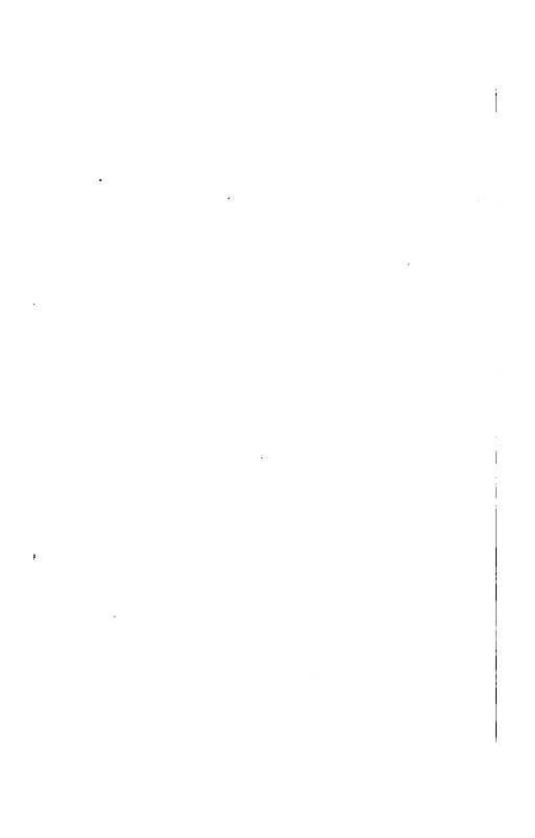
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### To W. W. CORCORAN,

PATRON OF ART AND PHILANTHROPIST,

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Shis Little Folume.



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#### THE HEART'S CHOICE.

A Painter quickly seized his brush, And on the canvas wrought The sweetest image of his soul, — His heart's most secret thought.

A Minstrel gently struck his lyre,
And wondrous notes I heard,
Which burned and thrilled and soothed by turns,
And all my being stirred.

A Singer sang a simple song, —
An echo of his soul;
It vibrates still through all my life,
And lifts me to its goal.

A Poet took his pen and wrote

A line of Hope and Love;

It was a heaven-born thought, and breathed

Of purest joys above.