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TO

HIS FAITHFUL, LOVING FRIENDS

IN THE "OLD LAND"

AND

IN THE NEW

BY

THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

THE Author sends forth this little book of Poems, on its precarious journey, with no small amount of diffidence. It contains the simple fruits of many pleasant hours of literary labor in the bright domain of Poetry—hours in the years of youth and early manhood, and in the noon of life.

Some of the following Poems have already appeared in the Dublin "Nation," above the nom de plume "Eblana;" others are to be found in recent numbers of the New York "Emerald," and some have lately been inserted in numbers of "Irish Penny Readings." Many, however, have never, until now, been brought forth to seek the favor of the reading public. Amongst the latter is the principal poem of the volume—"The Irish on the Prairies."

The Author cherishes a hope that "The Irish on the Prairies" will be a welcome guest to the

exiles of Erin; will be deemed worthy of the place assigned to it as usher to the other Poems of the volume; will be found a faithful exponent of Irish feeling in the "Old Land" and the New; and a genuine index of the sentiments of a "Soggarth Aroon."

Many of the minor Poems have been composed in the Author's lonely, happy home, beside an Irish chapel, in the shadows of the hills of Wicklow, where, as a "Country-Curate," the early years of his missionary life glided calmly along.

Some have been composed in the home of the exile, beside the rolling prairies of Kansas, in tranquil moments, after the busy priestly labors of the day.

Go forth, little book! into the wide world of Literature. May your simple pages bring brightness to the eyes of many exiles of Erin, and a gleam of sunshine to the hearts of loved ones far away.

T. A. B.

CATHEDRAL, LEAVENWORTH,
KANSAS, September, 1873.



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