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PREFACE

THIS volume, published in compliance with many friendly requests for a new edition of my poems, contains selections from an edition published in 1871, long since out of print, with other poems of more recent date. The fact that "Nothing to Wear," first published in New York in 1857, reproduced in a multitude of forms in Great Britain, and translated into French and German, still holds a place in public favor, has prompted me to give it prominence as the title of the present volume, placing the other contents in a subordinate rank.

As my ventures in versification have been mainly by way of recreation during a long and laborious professional life, I have not thought it worth while, except in the instance of the volume already mentioned, to publish them in any collected form; but I am glad to believe that the present edition, pre-

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pared in the evening of my life, may be the means of perpetuating some pleasant associations and memories. This is especially the case in regard to the verses for the children, some of which, in juvenile magazines and school readers, have attained a popularity which may be a justification for placing them in the concluding pages of this book.

WM. ALLEN BUTLER

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