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"Let labour have its due! my cot shall be
From chilling want and guilty murmurs free:
Let labour have its due;—then peace is mine,
And never, never shall my heart repine."

Bloomfield.

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TO
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
THE LADY BLANCHE BALFOUR,

These Unpretending Poems,

THE PRODUCTION OF A SOLDIER'S DAUGHTER, ARE,
BY PERMISSION, MOST RESPECTFULLY

DEDICATED

BY HER LADYSHIP'S MOST GRATEFUL AND MOST
OBEDIENT SERVANT,

THE AUTHORESS.

PREFACE.

A PREFACE is not always a necessary appendage to a book, but the authoress of the following pages feels too diffident of her poetical powers to entrust her little work to the rough ocean without saying one word to ensure it a favouring gale.

As a soldier's daughter, wife, and mother, she has naturally harped much on military themes; more, perhaps, than on the feminine feelings, affections, and duties which have formed a large portion of her happiness. Her "gentle readers" will make allowance for this preponderance of battle subjects; and will also,

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she trusts, pardon the many imperfections of her verses from the circumstances under which they were written. Criticism she hardly ventures to deprecate, for she can scarcely expect that her effusions will be thought worthy of it. Such as they are, she commits them to the public in the hope that they may not be found undeserving of a humble place amongst the many poetical works of higher pretensions. To the numerous subscribers who have been pleased to patronize her little volume, she begs to make her most grateful acknowledgments.

Leicester, May 25, 1862.

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ON THE BATTLE OF THE ALMA.

BRITANNIA weeps ! her sons are slain !
They lie on Alma's grassy plain ;
They sleep—ah ! never more to wake !
No bugle shall their slumbers break.
A trumpet with a louder blast
Must break that leaden sleep at last.
Oh, on the eve of that great day
How wearied ! yet their hearts were gay ;
And 'neath the morrow's dawning sun
Their faith and fondest hopes were one.
A marshal'd host, with varied mien,
It was a wondrous sight, I ween ;
But, ah ! in undisturbed repose,
Long, long before that day's dark close,
They slept, who with the sun arose—
Their life-blood mingling with their foes'.