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## Foreword.

**T**HIS little book has been prepared at the request of some young people who wish to preserve the traditions and to promote the welfare of their parish. Their generous public spirit has helped to put it within the reach of all.

Several recent events have suggested its publication and seem to make its appearance timely. The passing of the parish as the unit of civil administration has provided the parochial historian with his opportunity. The union of the churches holds the promise of unifying the religious and social life of the community. The change in the proprietorship of the parish has prompted reflection and awakened hope. Natives, who are dispersed throughout the world, and whose hearts are bound to the old home by tender spiritual ties, rejoice to rehearse the tales of their grandfathers and to hear of the doings and of the dreams of youth.



To tell the truth,  
For such as take to scorning  
The friends of their youth  
And the places they were born in,  
I have something,  
That, like the light of morning,  
Sweeps such vapours of the night,  
Though dense they lie,  
Clean off my sky.

He that forgets  
The hand that rocked his cradle,  
And filled life's plate  
From love's o'er-flowing ladle,  
That forgets those  
Who, in the shelter of the gable,  
Played marbles with him,  
When he was young,  
Let him be hung !

A. M.

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TO THE YOUTH  
OF THE PARISH