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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE,

**I**N selecting passages of prose and verse to escort Mr. Birket Foster's 'Pictures of Rustic Landscape,' two considerations among others were constantly present:—the importance of variety, and the necessity of a lax correspondence between the letter-press and the engravings.

The latter consideration suggests the remark, that, unless the one is engaged in what is justly regarded as the inferior employment of illustrating the other, the artist in black and white seldom depicts landscape with an eye to the same effects and with appreciation of the same details as commend themselves to the artist in words. Nevertheless the reader and spectator will find remarkable instances of close agreement even in minor points between several of the pictures and the descriptions in their attendant passages, and always, of course, a definite connection of some kind.



The general purpose in making these selections was not to provide a descriptive catalogue, but to present in an anthology the thoughts and feelings of some lovers of the country and of country life.

JOHN DAVIDSON.

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