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PREFACE.

THE CHOICE OF BOOKS has been in my thoughts for many years. Much of the first essay is taken from a series of Letters on Home Reading (still in the condition of MSS. penes me) intended as an annotated catalogue of selected books in four great departments of study. They were written long ago for the use of a very young lady, who now (let me add) encourages me to give them to a wider circle of readers, and so often aids me with suggestions from her ripe judgment.

What is now printed, it will be seen, deals in a regular way with familiar poetry alone. One day I hope to fill up this sketch. But a complete selection of books is the work of a lifetime, even if it be designed on a very simple scale, and intended for readers of moderate leisure.

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