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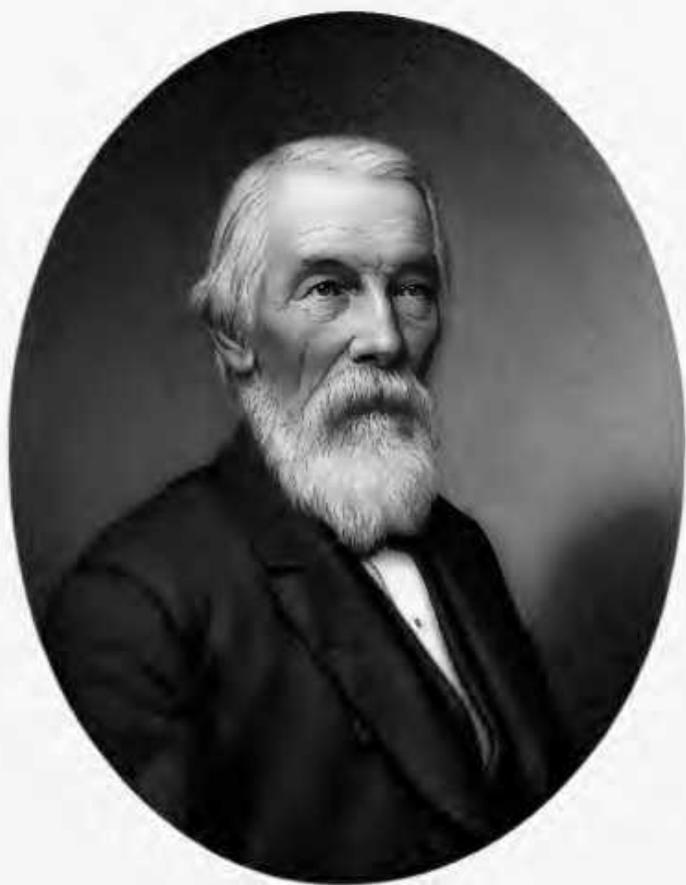
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TO THE READER.

The Author of the following pieces has not come before the public with the thought of acquiring any very extended or permanent reputation as a writer of Poetry. But as most of these verses have appeared only in the short-lived pages of the newspapers, and as some of them have been pretty widely copied with expressions of approval, he has not thought it presumptuous in him to put them in a more durable form, and present them to the public as they now appear.—*Edition of 1855.*

These Poems were written at various dates, covering a period of more than half a century, during which time great movements and changes in the world of thought and opinion have been going forward. The writer has not remained unaffected by these influences. If, therefore, some incongruity appears between the earlier and the later pieces, it is but natural, and I have thought it best to let them stand together as written.

The order in which these Poems appear in this volume is without reference to the time when they were written.

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