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RECTOR AND INHABITANTS

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IN GRATEFUL RECOLLECTION OF MUCH KINDNESS

RECEIVED, BOTH IN WORD AND DEED,

This little Work

IS

RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

INTRODUCTION.

The Christmas hearth, the Christmas cheer,
The kindly face, the warm right hand,
And, echoing over all the land,
The wild bells sounding on mine ear,—

All these I love; nay, more, I feel
They all are utterings of one voice,
Given to make the heart rejoice,
And I adore Love sent to heal.

The spray of holly on the wall,
Looks down upon me year by year;
Green are its leaves, whilst brown and sear
Gay summer leaves in each blast fall.