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Keppel
with the true
love.*

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TO

MY MOTHER,

AS A SLIGHT MEMORIAL

OF AN AFFECTION NOT TO BE EXPRESSED,

AND A GRATITUDE

WHICH NEVER CAN BE SUFFICIENT.

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P R E F A C E.

THE Author of these fragments hardly knows whether or not to trust them to the public under protection of a Preface. Apology in truth they need ; but is not apology a fresh offence, being, in truth, a claiming of pardon for what hardly deserves such ? All he can say is, that he publishes them, himself aware of their defects, aware that he is a very young author. He feels that they are incomplete, fragmentary, rough, and full of inconsistencies of sentiment ; and feeling this, he commits them to the good-nature of readers, who should themselves recollect they are or have been young. They have been written at various times, and in various moods, during the last four years, and published without much alteration or attention to the date of their

composition ; but he hopes that the general spirit of them may be, at least in some degree, beneficial, and that, at all events, they contain nothing hurtful ; and with this hope commits his bark to the waves.

Easter-tide, 1843.

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