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ILLUSTRATOR OF "THE FIELD" BY MICHELLET.



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A Word of Introduction.

"A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOR EVER."

THE Publishers have much pleasure in submitting to the Public the present volume, distinguished as it is by a singularly felicitous combination of talent : that of a deservedly popular English Authoress, who has made many admirable additions to the literature of Great Britain ; and of a French Artist, whose designs in "The Bird" by Michelet attracted the attention of our best art-critics by their force, tenderness, and fidelity to Nature.

It was at the special request of the Publishers that M. Giacomelli kindly undertook to illustrate the following pages ; and they present, it is believed, some of the happiest efforts of his pencil. The graceful poetry of Mary Howitt he has interpreted with kindred grace. The result being so successful, the Publishers venture to hope for it a large measure of popularity, and confidently trust that "BIRDS AND FLOWERS" will make the name of MARY HOWITT still more widely known as that of one of our most popular English

Writers, and M. GIACOMELLI's as that of one of the most eminent Artists of modern France. His Drawings, they may add, have been rendered with scrupulous care and fidelity by the best English and French Engravers; in the main, by those who executed the Illustrations of "The Bird."

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