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## PREFACE.

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TO MY READERS,—

Encouraged by the reception accorded to my "Stray Verses" published in 1901, I have ventured to present you with a second series. The contents of the present, like those of the preceding volume, have been written from dictation by my daughters, who have so loyally and cheerfully assisted me in my literary efforts.

The pastoral verses are the outcome of that strong inclination I have always evinced for rural scenes and rustic pursuits.

I have ever borne in mind the saying attributed to Dr. Johnson, that "he who neglected to pay a visit to the country during spring was guilty of an insult towards nature," and if I had omitted to listen to the sweet song of the nightingale and the cheery notes of the cuckoo, or to inhale the perfume of the may blossom on the hedgerows, I should have reproached myself for the remainder of the year.

The angling subjects may not, perhaps, interest some of my friends, yet they will, I hope, be acceptable reading to those who, like myself, are ardent disciples of Isaac Walton.

When referring to the follies of human nature, or endeavouring to raise a laugh at some of its foibles and singularities, I hope I have not offended the susceptibilities of anyone, but that the sentiments I have expressed will be received in the same spirit and good feeling with which they have been written.

R. S. FENNINGS.

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