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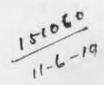
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The reader will consider the first Poem in this volume ("The Flood of Thessaly") as a sketch only of the great event which desolated the earlier world. Having abandoned my original intention of publishing a more elaborate Poem on this subject, I am only induced to mention the fact here, in order to account for the chasms which occur, in one or two instances, in the present production.—All reference to the Mosaic account of the Deluge has been purposely avoided.

March, 1823.

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DEDICATORY STANZAS.

"If my slight more do please these curious days,
The pain be mine, but thine he all the praise."

SHAKESPEARS, SONNET 38.

I.

ART thou still absent?—Then, a strange bright dream
Bore thee unto me in its shadowy arms.—
Ah! come again,—so like a pleasant gleam
Of light, that I (free from unjust alarms)
May gaze on my illuminated theme,
And read thy varying smiles and many charms,
And swear by the great Love to love thee long,
Beyond ambition, or the light of song.