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[ENTERED AT STATIONERS' HALL.]

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PREFACE.

YIELDING to the wishes of many friends, on whose judgment I think I can rely, I have consented to publish these poems. They were written in my few leisure hours, after the business of the day, and have been to me a source of extreme pleasure. I hope my readers may derive from them some small degree of pleasure, and profit also. I am fully conscious they have no literary merit ; but notwithstanding their inelegance, and want of erudition, if they contain even the smallest particle of good, that good will live in some form or other ; and if they have nothing worthy of life, they must die. They are mostly didactic, and designed specially for the reading of the working classes, to stimulate them to good works, pure thoughts, and noble aims.

The songs of a nation are a very powerful element in the formation of its character ; and the nanby-pamby effusions that at present resound through our Music-Halls, are many of them pernicious, and degrading in their influence. In these Lyrics I have endeavoured to give prominence to

some important moral and religious truths. They may be regarded as the simple expressions of an uncultured mind, and the outpourings of an earnest soul. I send them into the world, not without some misgivings as to their appreciation by the public ; but if they only succeed in raising the moral tone of society, even in the slightest measure, my object will be attained.

THE AUTHOR.

VICTORIA COTTAGE,
STOKE ROAD, GUILDFORD.

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