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TO THE MEMORY OF MY BELOVED FATHER, THE REV. JAMES TAYLOR (FOR MANY YEARS MINISTER OF THE UNITARIAN CHAPELS AT RIVINGTON AND FAILSWORTH), IN GRATITUDE FOR THE CAREFUL INSTRUCTION BESTOWED UPON ME IN CHILDHOOD; AND ALSO TO MY FATHER'S SISTER

I DEDICATE THESE PORMS

(MY ADOPTED MOTHER).
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WHO, WITH UNFAILING LOVE AND CONSTANT KINDNESS,
CONTINUED THOSE INSTRUCTIONS
AFTER HIS DEATH.

"By them the early seeds were sown, So be the harvest fruits their own."



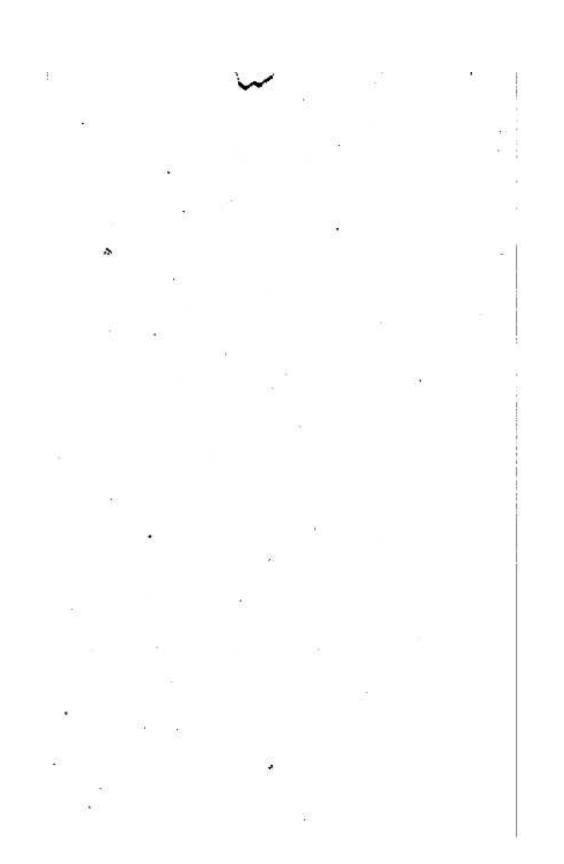
PREFACE.

Some of these poems have already appeared in different periodicals, but the greater portion of them now make their appearance in print for the first time.

When there are so many songsters who excel in sweet singing, it may perhaps appear presumptuous in a minor minstrel to publish a volume of poems, and so, as it were, to enter into competition with them. But that is not, and has not been, my feeling. For, as amongst the minstrels of nature we have Nightingales and Larks, so also we have minor minstrels there—Throstles and Robins; and I would only say—

If my voice be not sweet enough
To call me Nightingale,
Let me be the homely Throstle
Singing in the twilight pale.

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