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“Nos trifia vite

Solanur cantu.” STATIUS.

“I left no calling for this idle trade,

No duty broke.” POPE.

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TO THE MEMORY OF ONE WHOSE GENTLY EYES WILL NEVER REST UPON THESE PRINTED PAGES. THEY ARE INSCRIBED, THOUGH ALL UNWORTHY OF THE HONOR, WITH SENTIMENTS OF AFFECTION AND REGRET THAT LANGUAGE CANNOT INDICATE NOR TIME DESTROY.



Aug. 10 - 1861 -

SUTTON. We regret to learn that Mr. George Edward Rice shot himself yesterday in the boarding house of Mr. David Reed, Roxbury. Mr. Rice was well known in the community as a graceful poet, and both his serious and humorous productions have elicited much praise from competent judges. We have not learned the cause of the act, but suppose it must have been depression of spirits amounting to aberration of mind.

NUGAMENTA. A BOOK OF VERSES: By Geo.
EDWARD RICE. Boston: Tilton & Co.

Between the highland of poetry and the prairies of prose lies a middle ground of verse, fit to be the chosen home of refined thought and graceful feeling, but not often very successfully occupied. There HORACE built his villa; and there the most charming of the writers to whom France concedes the honore of the muse abide. Our own English literature is less rich in such men, partly, perhaps, because the genius of the language lends itself less easily to their fine evanescent fancies, partly because the ways and passions of the race are too positive to give them much chance for existence. Yet WALLER belongs to their order, and no *salon* of Paris ever listened to a lighter thrumming of the spiritual guitar than passed from the facile fingers of *l'HAËS*.

In America few have essayed this mid-region of music and feeling with so much success as Dr. HOLMES; and now Boston sends us, in the person of Mr. GEORGE E. RICE, another New-England candidate for honors which the helms of the cavaliers might have been supposed more likely to grasp than the sons of the Puritans. Mr. RICE's *Nugamenta* is a book which none but a gentleman could have written, full of delicate perceptions, fleeting gleams, and glooms as fleeting, quaint conceits and honorable sentiments. They have been clothed in metre with no unskillful hand, and the writer is over-modest when he offers them to the *uncritical* reader alone as the possible solace of worn or weary hours.



PREFACE.

THIS Book contains a few pieces of occasional Verse, which, without pretension to Poetry, the writer trusts may beguile some weary moments for the uncritical reader.

April, 1860.

16 COURT STREET, BOSTON.





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