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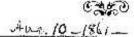
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TO THE MEMORY OF ONE WHOSE GINTLE EYES WILL NEVER REST UPON THESE PRINTED PAGES. THEY ARE INSCRIBED, THOUGH ALL UNWORTHY OF THE HONOR, WITH SENTIMENTS OF AFFECTION AND REGRET THAT LANGUAGE CANNOT INDICATE NOR TIME DESTROY.



SURCIDE. We regree to learn that Mr. George Edward Rice shot himself pesterday in the boarding house of Mr. David Reed, Rosbury. 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 set, but suppose it must have been depression of spirits amounting to abstraction of mind.

NUGAMENTA. A BOOK OF VERSES: By Gro. Enware Rick. Boston: Three & Co. Between the highland of poetry and the prairies of proselies a middle ground of verse, fit to be the chosen home of refined thought and

graceful feeling, but not often very successfully occupied. There Horacz built his villa; and there the most sharming of the writers to whom France concedes the honore of the muse shide. Our own English literature is less rich in such men, parely, perhaps, because the genins of the language lends itself fees outly to their fine evan-

escent funcies, 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 selen of Paris ever listened to a lighter thrumwing of the spiritual guitar than

In America few have essayed this mid-region of music and feating with so much success as Dr. Houses; and now Bosten sends us, is the person of Mr. Groece E. Ruchanether New-England candidate for honors which the helm of the cavaliars might have these supposed more likely to-grosp tian the sons of the Purkans. Mr. Ruci's Nugaments 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 matre with no unskillful hand, and the writer is over-module when he offers them to the uncritical reader alone as the possible solace of

passed from the facile fingers of PRARD.

worn or weary hours.



PREFACE.

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

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