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"Those that Hobgoblin call you, and swee Puck
You do their work, and they shall have good luck:
Are not you he?"—

Midsummer Night's Dream.



PREFACE

TO THE FOURTH EDITION.

THE custom of inditing a preface is one which is perhaps more honoured in the breach than in the observance: nevertheless, I cannot allow the present opportunity to pass without returning my hearty thanks and acknowledgments to my Critics, and the Press generally, for the indulgent consideration I have received at their hands, and for the discriminating advice, of which, in revising this edition, I have gladly availed myself. Many of the minor pieces—introduced in the first instance principally as vehicles for illustration—have been omitted, and others of a somewhat less trivial character substituted.

These alterations have, to a certain extent, modified the original design of the book, as conveyed by its

title; but the unexpectedly flattering reception accorded to the two most serious poems, the "Night Mail North," and the "Derby Day," (the former having been quoted at length in nine Reviews) led me to think that the change might not be disadvantageous.

I have had on the whole but few hard knocks to complain of; certainly fewer than, considering the nature of some of the poems, I had reason to expect. For these adverse criticisms, which were no doubt the expression of the genuine opinions of their writers, I bear no grudge. As the Author of "The Season" pointedly phrases it, I could "have escaped censure only by escaping notice."

WEYBRIDGE,

20th May, 1882.

J. N. V. M.

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