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O T H E R P O E M S,
BY
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NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

"As the wakeful bird
Sings darkling, and in shadiest covert hid
Tunes her nocturnal note,"

Milton.

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M D C C C L I .



P R E F A C E .

IT is nearly seven years, since, at the instance of partial and dear friends, I was led to present myself before the public as an authoress, aiming at poetic strains.

It was with feelings of deep agitation that I first realized my new position, when, with a volume of my own poems, I presented a dedication copy to the Managers of the noble Institution of which I am an *Alumna*, and to which I am indebted for that culture, as set forth in the preface to that edition, which educated the mind and trained the thoughts that were there embodied. The favor with which that publication was received, and the warrant of the same kind friends, lead me once more to present my claims for public patronage.

During the interval, the love of contemplation, and the emission of thoughts pictured in harmonious words, has given birth to many pieces, which those friends,

"Whose judgment I esteem
Superior to my own,"

advise should be embodied in another edition.

With health sadly impaired, and a consequent frequent inability to discharge those duties from which I have hitherto derived a maintenance, the pecuniary emolument there may arise from the sale of the work, will be acceptable as it will be appreciated; and the Blind Girl's declining years be thereby rendered unclouded by that dependency so repulsive to a mind ever active, and a hand, when not enervated by disease, ever assiduous for her self-support.

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