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TO

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IN

FRIENDSHIP AND ADMIRATION.

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POEMS AND SONNETS.

ERRATUM.

Page 95, line 4 from bottom, read,
"O sleep, O gentle sleep!"

No hinge had turned, no gaoler seen her pass ;
But when once there, she undisturbed remained ;
For who would grudge a harmless blade of grass
 To one long chained ?

Between the flagstones of his prison floor
He saw one day a pale green shoot peep out,
And with a rapture never felt before
 He watched it sprout.

The shoot became a flower : on its life
He fixed all hope, and ceased of self to think ;
Striving to widen with his pointless knife
The cruel chink.

He bore great thirst when, parched, she drooped
her head
In that close cell, to give her of his cup ;
And when it froze, he stripped his wretched bed
To wrap her up.

Naming her Picciola ; and week by week
Grew so enamoured as her leaves unfurled
That his fierce spirit almost ceased to seek
The outer world.

Oh such another Picciola hast thou,
My prison-nurtured Poetry, long been ;
Sprung up between the stones, I know not how,
From seed unseen !

This book is all a plant of prison growth,
Watered with prison water, not sweet rain ;
The writer's limbs and mind are laden both
By heavy chains.