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Very sincerely yours
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'Not all regret: the face will shine
Upon me, while I muse alone;
And that dear voice, I once have known,
Still speak to me of me and mine;

Yet less of sorrow lives in me,
For days of happy converse dead;
Less yearning for the friendship fled,
Than some strong bond which is to be.'

IN MEMORIAM.

EDINBURGH

CHARLES C. GARDNER, 41 DUNDAS STREET

MDCCLXXXII

Inscribed
To her Son
By his Father.

PREFACE.



A FEW words of preface seem to me to be necessary.

In the first place, I should state the reasons which mainly induced me to print and present in book-form the various papers which make up this little volume. These were—partly to perpetuate the memory of the Authoress to her son, and partly to gratify the wishes of many who had the happiness of her acquaintance.

I have next to explain that some of the Essays were composed when the writer was a member of a Literary Club, and that others have already been published in the *Argosy* and *Victoria* Magazines. The latter are reproduced here by special permission of the Editors.

I desire also to express my thanks to my friend, Mr J. Logie Robertson, for seeing the volume through the press; and to my friend, Signor Minola, for allowing me to include the two Acrostics which he kindly sent me in August 1878, and June 1879.

Mr Anderson's exquisite etching speaks for itself.

A. C. E.

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18th January 1882.

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