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## PREFACE.

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THE following Poems were written during some of those leisure hours, which fall to the lot of every man. Some few of them have been previously printed in various periodicals; but they have been mostly selected from such poems as were written, not for publication, but to gratify the imperious demand of some thought or feeling for rhythmic utterance. Many of them are historically false, — the moment's feeling having sometimes strung itself on some mere cobweb of fancy, and sometimes entirely transfigured the most common and accidental occurrence into a purely imaginative significance. But I am sure, that they are all spiritually true — true to the mood in which they were written, and to the thought which they express.

I have not been induced to publish them by the solicitations of friends, but from a desire to give and to receive sympathy, and in the hope, that what has been so pure a joy to me, may also give pleasure to others. With diffident hope I give them to the public, assured, that whatever is true in them will live, and that whatever is false in them will die, of itself.

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