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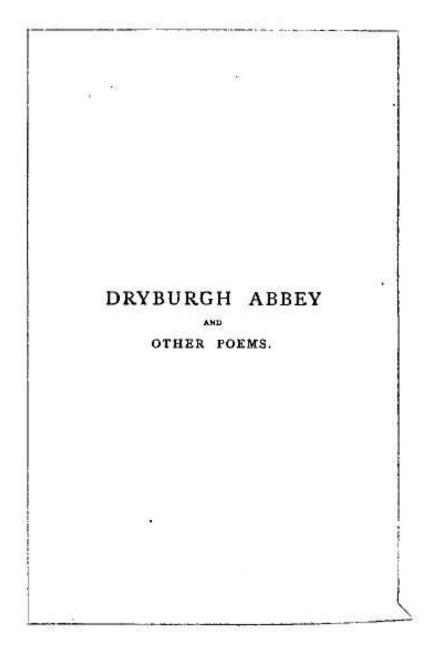
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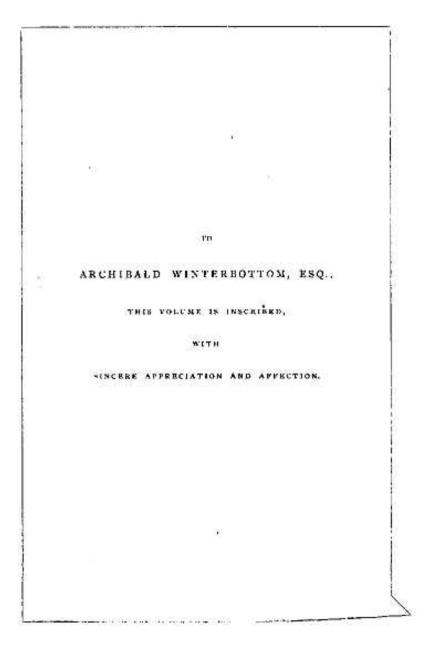
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MEN are agents for the future ! As they work, so ages win Either harvest of advancement, Or the product of their sin : Follow out true cultivation-Widen education's plan ; From the majesty of nature Teach the majesty of man ! Take the spade of perseverance : Dig the field of progress wide : Every bar to true instruction Harrow out and cast saide | Give the stream of education Broader channel, bolder force ; Hurl the stones of persecution Out, where'er they block its course ; Seek for strength in self-exertion ; Work and still have faith to wait : Close the crooked gate to fortune ; Make the road to honour straight ! Take the spade of perseverance ; Dig the field of progress wide : Every bar to true instruction Harrow out and cast aside !

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"T<sup>WAS</sup> morn-but not the ray which falls the summer boughs among,

When beauty walks in gladness forth, with all her light and song ;

 'Twas morn—but mist and cloud hung deep upon the lonely vale,

And shadows, like the wings of death, were out upon the gale.

For He whose spirit woke the dust of nations into life-

That o'er the waste and barren earth spread flowers and fruitage rife-

Whose genius, like the sun, illumed the mighty realms of mind-

Had fled for ever from the fame, love, friendship of mankind !