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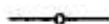
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TO THE
TOILING MILLIONS
THIS HUMBLE VOLUME
IS
MOST RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED
BY
ONE OF THEMSELVES.

P R E F A C E .



THE following pieces have been published at the earnest and repeated request of many of the Author's friends, who, having read them as they were produced, wish to see them in a more permanent form. They are the fruits of the leisure hours of one who from boyhood has had to toil "from early morn till dewy eve" to secure the bread that perisheth, and is to a very great extent destitute of that educational culture which the reading world may consider as essentially requisite to constitute an author.

That a critical reader may detect in them many defects he is quite aware. He submits them as the earnest utterances of a heart stirred by noble truths and animated by aspirations after a higher and diviner life.

As in the moral and spiritual worlds, so in the world of poesy, there are "many kinds of voices and

not one of them is without signification," so the author trusts his, weak and feeble though it be, may contribute one note to the general song.

If this humble work shall under God be the means of implanting some precious truths in one soul; if it arouses one spirit to the consecration of itself to earnest self-denying work for God and humanity, the labour of its author will be more than rewarded.

Leicester, November, 1869.

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