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MRS. S. C. HALL.

MY DEAR MRS. HALL,

If you will not allow that a recollection of your friendship, dated as far back as I can remember, is a sufficient reason for my inscribing this book to you, I must ask you to let me do so, on the ground that in January, 1853 you inferted in Sharpe's Magazine the first poem of mine which ever appeared in print—and thus introduced me to the public who have ever fince been so kindly disposed to me.

Believe me,

My dear Mrs. Hall,

Yours very truly,

TOM HOOD.

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Preface.

The flory upon which the following poem is founded I difcovered in the fhape of brief memoranda among papers to which I have had no caufe to refer for fome period. At this diftance of time I am unable to fay from what fource I obtained them, but I believe I jotted down the plot from a note in an old review — being fruck with its adaptability to werfe.

It is possible that the note in question related to a metrical chronicle or the writings of a native poet, but I have not met with either; nor has the subject ever been attempted before in English to my knowledge.

The minor poems at the end are republished by permiffion from the St. James's, the Cornhill, and Macmillan's Magazines.

THOMAS HOOD.

Brompton, September, 1861.

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