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AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

Unlike what in secret mysteriously delves, These poems need no preface they speak for themselves.

In the construction of the songs and poems contained in this little volume, I have endeavored to make my meaning clear and unequivocal and I flatter myself I have succeeded in so doing.

Those poems in part first treat on American national affairs, those in part second on Irish affairs, and under the head — Miscellaneous — on various topics of passing, as well as permanent public interest.

Without further comment I submit them to my friends, neighbors and the great common people, hoping that they may be received in the spirit in which they were written by the author

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PUBLISHERS PREFACE.

The poems and songs contained in this volume, will, We are convinced, meet conditions now and for the last decade growing more and more serious every day.

The vast aggregations of capital known as trusts, the get rich quick craze, the growing disregard for the Declaration of Independence and for constitutional limitations, have been sprung on the people with alarming frequency and unblushing audacity. All of these things and many others have been exposed and answered more concisely and yet more fully in these poems, we think, than they have been heretofore. We commend this volume to our young men, they will find food for thought in it as well as readings, recitals, and songs, both instructive and entertaining.

Mr. Fitzwilliam's muse which always seems to soar along the cleanest lines of thought has succeeded in producing poems and songs that might be introduced with profit in our public schools, where, of late years, old-time high public spirit and old-fashioned yankee patriotism seem to be sadly, if not entirely, neglected.

