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TO

THOMAS BAGOT OLDHAM,

BORN, AUGUST 18, 1861;

DIED, ASSAM, INDIA, JULY 10, 1884.

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Because, when we were boys at school
Together, and you led the way,
My three years' senior, through the rule
Of art and science, work and play;

Because, when on a summer morn,
Freed earlier, I had gone ahead,
Upon the boy's wheel quickly borne,
To whither our ways together led,

And swung my legs upon the gate,
Till through the fields I saw you lie,
And when I cried to you: "How late!"
"I bashed at Swift's," you made reply;

(Because you loved the tiny stream,
And knew its history more than I;
Who treated history as a dream,
And dreamt of archæology;)

Because our journey that day then
Was to the church where he had died,—
I write your name upon this when
I lay the manuscript aside.

Because when on one summer morn,
They told me you had "gone ahead,"—
My first dear friend, that should be torn
Away by Death,—for you were dead;

Because it is your turn to wait,
For me to join you, and I see
You standing there by Heaven's gate,
Wandering what has come to me;

Because whenever Swift is named
Your name I never can discover
From his for whom the stream is claimed—
Therefore your names are one for ever.

DRESDEN, APRIL 29, 1886.

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