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PREFACE

THE only merit claimed for this little anthology should be found in its pertinency. In the few collections of Valentine verse which have heretofore been issued, little regard has been paid to the actual motive of the poems included. If they were suitable for use as a valentine it was enough, irrespective of the author's thought or purpose in their composition. In the present collection the editor has aimed to include only such verse as has been written with definite appositeness to St. Valentine and his cult, and to make the choice fairly representative of its various phases. At the same time it has been his hope that the book itself might prove an attractive valentine, which would possess greater interest to its recipient than a single poem copied from some other volume.

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