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TO MY BROTHER,

L. C O O K E,

OF TAMMERFORS, FINLAND,

THIS VOLUME IS AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED,

AS A TRIBUTE OF ESTEEM AND LOVE,

BY HIS SISTER

MARTHA SOPHIA HOBSON.

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PREFACE.

MANY of the poems in this volume were the productions of my twentieth year, and have been collected from the columns of local newspapers in which they enjoyed a brief existence at the time. Others have been written at intervals since. Their composition was undertaken as a task to lighten the burden of too early sorrow, and to retain the passing emotions of affection and friendship. I had not thought them worthy of collection, nor would they have appeared in this form but for the encouragement of many valued friends. If their perusal will make one lowly home brighter, or one sad heart happier, my leisure hours will not have been spent in vain.

M. S. H.

