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*Soulby Vicarage,
September, 1881.*

TO MY READERS.

Good friends, who read this little book,
Do not for stores of wisdom look ;
These simple lines, which bear my name,
No literary merit claim ;

In them no learning deep is found,
Ideas grand, or wit profound,
Only plain thoughts in language plain,
Not worthy meed of praise to gain.

In putting down these thoughts in rhyme,
How oft have I beguiled the time !
Indulgence kind to me extend,
Nor criticise your humble friend.

J. B.

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