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Slender.—Why do your dogs bark so? be there bears i' th' Town?

Anne Page.—I think there are, Sir! I heard them talked of.

Slender.—I love the sport well; . . . but the women have so cried
and shrieked at it, that it passed.

Merry Wives of Windsor.

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Right Hon. Benjamin Disraeli, M.P.

by one
who reveres his genius

and
exults in his success,

This Book
is, with permission,
dedicated.

June, 1861

PREFACE TO THE PRESENT EDITION.



IT is now more than nine years since the author conceived the plan of "The Season," and more than eight since it was first published. It passed rapidly through two editions, and has since remained out of print.

Two considerations have decided him to permit of its republication. The first is, that during those eight years there has been a constant demand for it.* The second is, that whilst the

* He has also been requested to sanction its translation into French verse. That, he conceives, would be