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PREFACE

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THE writer is reminded by the date on the title-page that he is no longer a writer of the nineteenth century alone. Possibly this should lead him to undertake not to trespass again upon the indulgence of readers whose good-will he has had to acknowledge repeatedly for almost a whole generation. But it is perhaps too early even now to announce his definite retirement from the literary field. In any case, conscious as he is of his limitations, and knowing well that contemporary criticism of verse, favourable or otherwise, is seldom of much value towards fixing its permanent position, he can recall with satisfaction that he has throughout endeavoured to follow the honoured traditions of English poetry. Nor is he conscious of ever having written a line without believing then that he had something to say which demanded expression, or which he could wish unwritten now.

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