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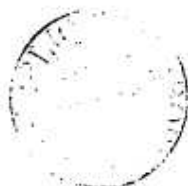
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Moorlands," etc.

"I to the woodland solitude would bend
My lonesome way—where Mirth's obstreperous shout
Shall not intrude to break
The meditative hour."

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of Yorkshire, he gives his book to a candid and indulgent public. His own estimation of his work is humble, and, therefore, if the place assigned to him by the critics be lowly, he shall be content to fill it; and shall feel little disappointment whatever judgment be pronounced by them, provided it be given in an unprejudiced, kind, and honest spirit.

To the nobility and gentry who have so kindly patronized this work;—to the gentleman who so courteously permitted its dedication to him; and to the numerous subscribers who have assisted the author in realizing his fond hopes, he tenders his grateful acknowledgments, and under their auspices he now launches his little bark on the ocean of mind, trusting that it may weather the storm that may await it, and eventually gain its "desired haven."

J. R.

Keighley, Oct. 1st, 1856.

DEDICATORY SONNET

TO

FRANK CROSSLEY, Esq., M.P.

'TIS NOT FOR VALOROUS DEEDS DONE IN THE FIELD
OF SANGUINARY STRIFE; NOR THAT THY WORTH
IS THE MERE HOLLOW BOAST OF NOBLE BIRTH,
OR HOARDED GOLD; NOR THAT HIS HEART WOULD YIELD
THE MEED OF PRAISE TO THOSE WHO MERIT NONE,
THAT NOW THE BARD, O CROSSLEY! SINGS THY NAME;
'TIS THINE OWN GENEROUS DEEDS THAT GIVE IT FAME,—
FAME THAT WILL LIVE LONG AFTER THOU ART GONE
TO THY REWARD. THE WIDOW'S GRATEFUL HEART
WILL BLESS THEE, AND THY TOWNSMEN ALL UNITE
TO HONOR ONE WHO THUS DISPENSED ARIGHT
THE GIFTS THAT HEAVEN SO RICHLY DID IMPART.
AND SINCE THIS FRUIT SPRINGS FROM TRUE PIETY,
THE POET SEEKS TO DEDICATE HIS LAYS TO THEE.

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