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HAVING from childhood met, now and then, and listened to the Muse of Numbers, the writer offers here a few of the few things that he has learned, at different times, from her, and hopes that they may not be thought too many.

Several of the pieces in this book, he does not count as poetry; they are here for their religious character; some, he believes to have some worth as poetry.

Lest the dates, put to most of them, should be thought to have been occasioned by a conceit or affectation, it is right to say that they are owing to a friend's discovery of a remarkable chance-likeness between one of these, printed years ago, and a recent poem in a Magazine. One being dated, some others, at least, must be so; and in the end, most of these pieces

have had the time at which they were written, given, after them. The general reader will be kind enough to pass over these dates as harmless; some friends may even find a slight interest in them.

March, 1866.

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ERRATUM.

In correcting the press, a mistake, in the piece entitled "The Little Years," u. 14, 3d line of verse 1, was overlooked. Please read *caught* instead of *met*.

AN ANTHEM-CAROL FOR CHRISTMAS.

Out of highest heaven dropping,
Like tinkling rain upon the sea
Came sweet music, swelling, stopping ;
'T was the angels' symphony.
"Glory be to God, on high!"
Ran like lightning round the sky :
Then, like rain-drops fell agen
"Peace on earth, good-will to men!"