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PUBLISHER'S PREFACE.

THE following collection of poetry, from the pen of Rev. Hosea Ballou, is made from his impromptu contributions to various publications, and particularly from the Universalist Magazine while the author was editor of its pages. The favor which these verses have received from a very large number of Mr. Ballou's old friends in the denomination, when first presented in another form, has induced the publisher to issue them at this time by themselves. It would be unjust to judge of the author's poetic talent by these poems, written in the editorial sanctum, many years since, to fill the poet's corner of his paper. But, still, there is the same beautiful simplicity, yet firm and constant purpose, evinced in these produc-

tions, that his almost unequalled prose writings have ever exhibited. When Mr. Ballou wrote verse or prose, he had a *purpose* in view; not merely that of rhyme and musical construction, but the end of doing some good by the effort he made at composition. He never wrote a line without this incentive; and to the discriminating these poems will commend themselves, as characteristic of their author, who now sleeps in death!

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