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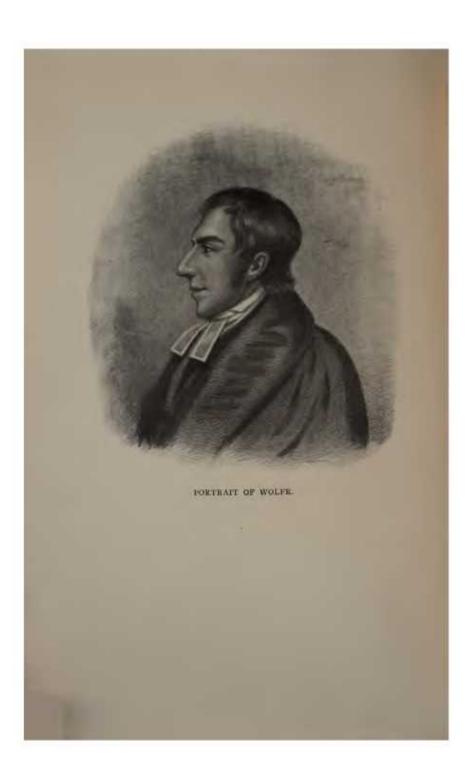
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PREFACE

THE scope and purpose of this little volume sufficiently appear from the introductory memoir and need not be defined in a preface. But it is perhaps as well to observe that the inclusion in this collection of Wolfe's poems of all the verses the poet is known to have composed is not to be taken as an averment that each of them is independently worthy of republication. The enthusiasm of the present editor is naturally less highly pitched than that of Wolfe's first biographer; and the original publication of the school-boy poems on "The Death of Abel" and "The Raising of Lazarus" was perhaps a doubtful exercise of discretion. Though the practice of printing posthumously everything that editorial industry can discover is one that is too commonly abused, it seemed that in dealing with a poetical output so slender as Wolfe's the arguments in favour of including all of his verses that have been already printed were irresistible.