THE FAIRY OF THE STREAM AND OTHER POEMS

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649512775

The Fairy of the Stream and Other Poems by C. M. Farmer

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd. Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

www.triestepublishing.com

C. M. FARMER

THE FAIRY OF THE STREAM AND OTHER POEMS

Trieste

THE

FAIRY OF THE STREAM,

....

OTHER POEMS;

py

C. M. FARMER.

"And ye of Eastern Iale, With your bright palaces, your emerald halls: Gardens, whose fountains were of liquid gold; Trees with their ruby fruit and silver leaves Where are ye now ?"

÷.

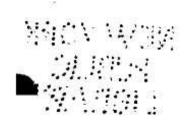
.

SOR E 11

BICHMOND, VA.:

HARROLD & MURRAY,-177 BROAD STREET. 1847.

٠



8×< 3 (4)

TO

- 12

•

8395

- 86

.

THOMAS B. HARRISON, ESQUIRE,

THIS VOLUME IS INSCRIDED AS A SLIGHT TOREN OF FRIENDSHIP,

BY THE AUTHOR.

1*

12

Δ.



633

PREFACE.

The poems composing this volume were written from time to time during the last year, more with the view of beguiling the author's leisure hours, than of ever presenting them to the public in this form. Indeed, the latter was not at the first his intention. But, reflecting that from some of the most beautiful and poetic spots of Virginia, no song but that of nature's own minstrels, who sing not to "numbers and the harp," has ever come, notwithstanding the many of her sons and daughters whose pens *could* do her classic tribute, he has determined, despite the herd of *soi disant* critics, to lay his humble verse before the world in the shape of a *book*.

Some of the minor poems have already been published, but in a more crude state, in

FREFACE.

a weekly newspaper. To revise and fit them for the present object has been a pleasing task to the author; and although he is still sensible of its many defects, he indulges the hope that his little book may be received in the spirit in which it is given. If it afford aught of interest or pleasure to any into whose hands it may come—any who love Virginia, with her hills, and streams, and romantic scenery, and who lament that these have been so long neglected by the Muse and the Lyre —the writer will be more than satisfied.

With this feeling, he sends forth the result of his labour, without a care or regard for those who may be inclined to cavil or condemn.

THE AUTHOR.

Seclusoval, May, 1846.



viii

THE FAIRY OF THE STREAM.

INVOCATION.

Harp of the West! a feeble hand essays

To sweep thy strings, and swell the tide of song ; Nor strife nor death demands thy tuneful lays,

Nor aught that to the bards of eld belong. The lance and spear of chivalry are lost;

Heroic knights of other days are dead; The valiant Hector and his Trojan host

Have from the plains of blood and battle fled, Nor more invoke thy strains of martial song, The cohorts of the brave and fierce among.

A holier theme invites thy gentler strain-Such dulcet notes as Erin's bard once drew

(4)

(a. 41