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Little moments make an hour ;
Little thoughts, a book ;
Little seeds, a tree or flower ;
Water drops a brook ;
Little deeds of faith and love
Link the earth to Heaven above.

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Apostolic in the East Indies.

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Permit me to dedicate this little work to you, as a proof of the unbounded esteem and respect entertained for your Excellency by the Catholics of India, of whom I am one of the humblest, though certainly not the least devoted to your Excellency's august person. The volume which I take the liberty of thus dedicating to you is unimportant in itself, but assuredly derives much importance from the lustre shed on it by your Excellency's acts and doings in our midst, which form, as it were, the centre of its attractiveness. Adapting the words of one of our English Poets, I may say :

"The work, though humble, yet august and proud
The occasion ——— • • "

Your Excellency, as the representative of Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIII, no less than in your own amiable and justly esteemed person, commands the veneration of all the Catholics of India. In your official capacity, indeed, your Excellency has endeared yourself to the noble Hierarchy of India, by your ability and prudence, none the less has your Excellency merited the esteem of the entire Catholic population of India, by your personal qualities, your affability, your kindness and benevolence, not to mention the