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"Poetry is the language of feeling. It is the communion of an individual heart with the heart universal,—the Great Heart of Humanity."

J. B. MANSON.

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PREFACE.

IN bringing the following Poems before the Public, the Author might assign the solicitations of many friends as a reason for publication; and, as he highly estimates their judgment and taste, their request has had considerable weight with him. But, apart from this, if the book has merit, it will sustain itself; if not, it will sink into the land of forgetfulness, where it should be. Whatever be the result, every Poem has to speak for itself. Although there is plenty of room in many of the pages, they are not encumbered with foot-notes—those crutches of so much service for a lame muse to hirple upon.

In observing the pursuits of men, and tracing their motives, it will appear that the following are the mainsprings of human action :—

The first, and most prominent, is a strong desire to better our circumstances in life ; and, by universal consent, this is pronounced a proper motive, if it impels to honest and honourable means.

Again, there seems to be a desire in the breast of every man to stand high in the estimation of his fellow-men. This pursuit of fame, like drawing a bow at a venture, is sometimes very ineffective, but with many more successful. Their works, their riches, or their heroism, are admired by the living, after they themselves have been numbered with the dead.

Others, again, have great enjoyment in their pursuits ; and the Poet has often great satisfaction in recording the scenes of early life, the tender emotions of love, and the pleasant hopes he fondly cherished.

All these, mingling with the disappointments, the cares, and toils, of a life of experience, give forth their lights and shadows. He has satisfaction in exploring the wonders of creation—tracing the wisdom and power of the Divine Being amidst the endless variety of nature—and, if he is a Christian, he delights in the strains of redeeming love.

But there is yet a nobler motive, which was exemplified in the character of the Saviour, who went about continually doing good, not seeking his own comfort, but the advantages of those he came to redeem.

Such are the leading motives that appear to actuate mankind, and more or less of these merge into the character of all with whom the Author has come in contact; and he also will be found amongst his brethren.

He would be sorry if any piece is found in the little book that an intelligent Christian parent would

feel reluctant to put into the hands of his children. His verses are all intended to be on the side of religion and virtue; as he is sure that piety to God, and kindness to man, can alone give satisfaction to the mind, as we journey onward to eternity.

There are a few typographical errors in the book, which the intelligent reader will easily perceive, and which can be as easily rectified, if the work shall have the good fortune to reach a second edition.

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