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“Faber quisque fortunae suae.”

*Appius Claudius Caecus.*



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“*Virginibus puerisque canto.*”

TO THE MEMORY OF

*George Gordon Noel--Lord Byron*

This Book is dedicated by one who, while  
observing his virtues, would be blind to his vices.



## PREFACE.

THE following poems are the effusions of one who has not yet completed his seventeenth year. He is quite conscious that in them the public will find much to condemn, but he also hopes that a little may be found which will be deemed worthy of their praise and approval. The poems have no special claim to favour, save that they owe their existence and publication to none but the author, who, while inviting the fullest and most accurate criticism, would beg to remind his readers that, in the words of Lord Byron :—

“ 'Tis pleasant, sure, to see one's name in print,  
A book's a book, although there's nothing in't.”

Darrington, Yorks.

August, 1879.

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## The Pasha's Daughter.

THE daughter of a Pasha being beloved of a young Christian was suspected by her father and the pair were seized at their meeting place one evening. The lady suffered the customary punishment of infidelity, which is death by drowning, the lover contrived by some means to make his escape.