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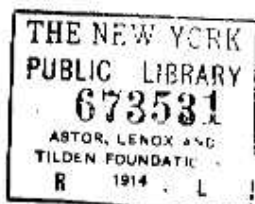
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## INTRODUCTION

THIS collection of poems for school reading has been planned for children from ten to fifteen years of age. The compiler has long felt the need in his own schools of a book of modest size and price that should include the poems here brought together. They are for the most part old favorites, and they have proved themselves by actual test to be well fitted to give genuine pleasure to children, and, at the same time, to foster in them a growing appreciation of what is good in literature. The collection is by no means exhaustive, and is intended only to supplement the many admirable selections from English and American authors now prepared for school use. It is hoped, however, that this book may prove to be one which children will like to own for themselves, and that, instead of being read and then laid aside for something new, it may enjoy an intimate and enduring companionship with them. Too much of what is now read in schools is dismissed with a single reading, for the very abun-

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dance of the supply is a constant temptation to pass on to something new, and thus it may happen that while a love for reading may be fostered, that finer culture that comes from a loving and intimate association with something beautiful in literature may be wholly wanting.

The poems here presented, though admirably fitted for young people on account of their simplicity and generally objective character, are, for the most part, of high literary merit, and the friendship formed for them in youth will be likely to grow stronger with the advancing years.

In a few cases omissions have been made in order to make the poems more suitable for the class room, and some notes have been prepared which, it is hoped, will be found adequate for all points of real difficulty. The brief biographical sketches accompanying the poems are designed not so much for information as to awaken a desire to know more of the men and women who have "illuminated, adorned, and exalted the world in which we live."

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