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"The lights, the shades,
The joy and pain."—*Mosses*.

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TO THE
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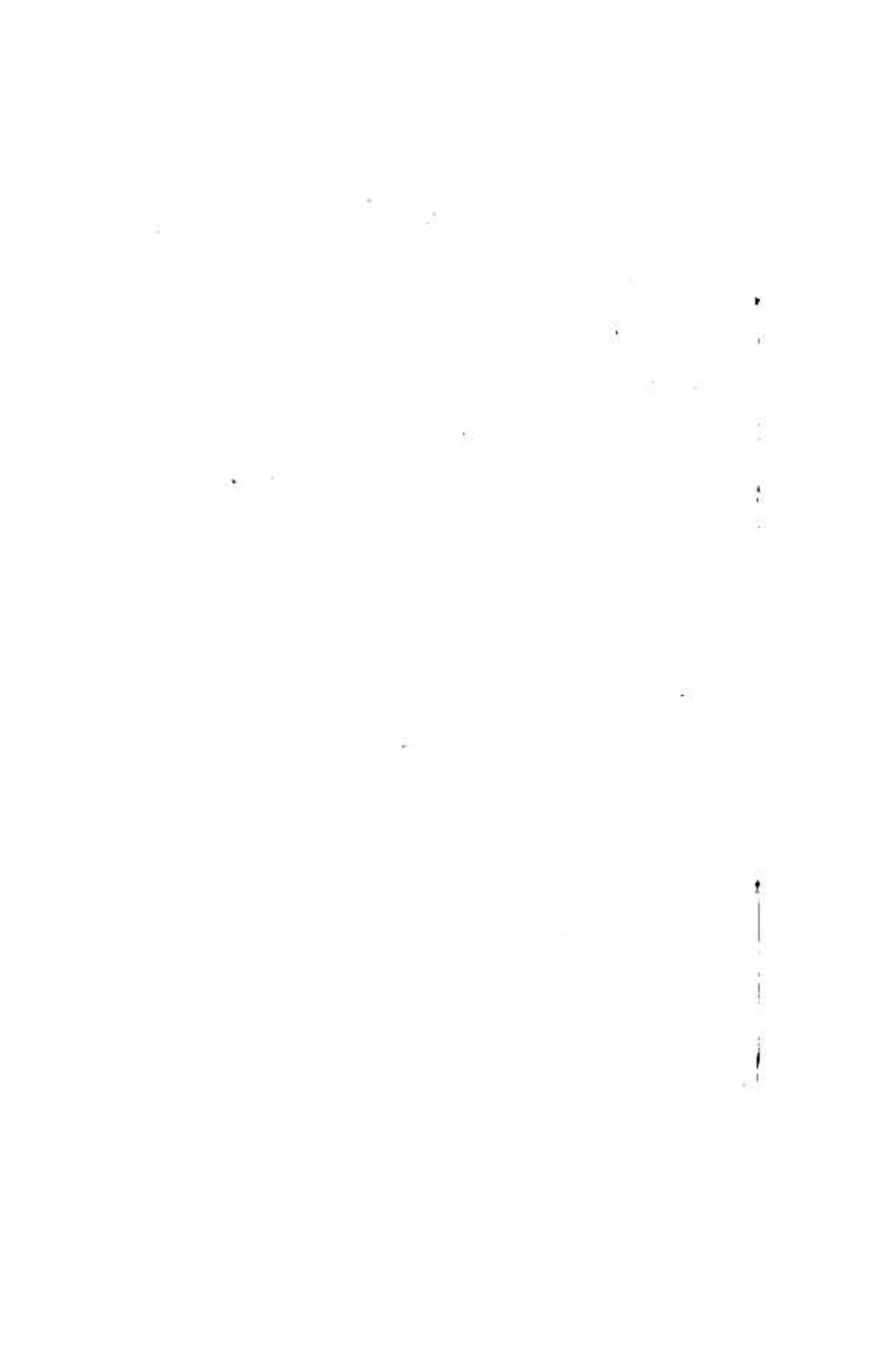
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RESPECT AND ESTEEM OF

THE AUTHOR.



P R E F A C E .

THE title of this little volume is the key to its contents.

The Poems have been written at various times, and were originally destined for the private portfolio only.

They are now offered to the thoughtful spirit, which sees in every event of its existence significances to which it must give utterance in prose or rhyme. The figures of the vast kaleidoscope of life are ever-revolving and ever-varying in their colouring and aspects. Lights and shades, joys and pain, of our mysterious being, speak to us in their dumb eloquence, and in the silence of our own hearts we sometimes hear the soft echoes of the past, the present, and the future.

The "In Memorias" may meet the eye of

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some in whose hearts are buried the memories of loved ones with whom they will speak on earth no more. They have been written in deep sympathy with the bereaved, and as such are laid on the altar of true friendship.

The last Echo of Life is the voice of Death. In the midst of rare and pure happiness the solemn Angel has softly entered our circle, and laying his cold hand on hearts that only himself could dis sever, bade them "part awhile," and thus it happens that our numbers have often been awakened to his sad and chastened melodies.



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