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The whole profit of the sale of these Stanzas will be devoted to the "Windsor and Eton Albert Institute," the objects of which are "To secure for Literature, Science, and "Art an acknowledged home, and to erect a fitting Local "Memorial of the late Prince Consort."

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TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN,

OF SCHLESWIG-HOLETEIN,

These Memories

OF HER

ILLUSTRIOUS AND REVERED FATHER

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BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS'S GRACIOUS PERMISSION.



Preface.

ANY of the following verses were written before the publication, in 1875, of Mr. Theodore Martin's "Life of His Royal Highness Prince Albert," which has yielded me a fund of information, unattainable before; but, as I wish to narrate "memories" only, I cannot amplify them by anything which I have since learned from that delightful source, but which I do not actually remember.

I could easily have multiplied instances of the Prince's kindly nature, but have been content with one illustration of his sympathy with the bereaved poor, in the case of the orphans of Deal; and one instance of his feeling for the afflicted rich, in the case of Mrs. Anson.

My aim has been to hold up the integrity, the beautiful simplicity, and singleness of purpose of His Royal Highness, affording at once a rare model for imitation, and a subject for poetical thought: I regret only that my power of expression falls so far short of my appreciation of a character so beautiful, and of a theme so exalted.

In the hope that these stanzas may, even in the remotest degree, advance an Institution, which, while adding another memorial to the revered name of "ALBERT," is to "secure for Literature, Science, and Art an acknowledged home," they are published in aid of the funds of the "Windsor and Eton Albert Institute," now building in Windsor.

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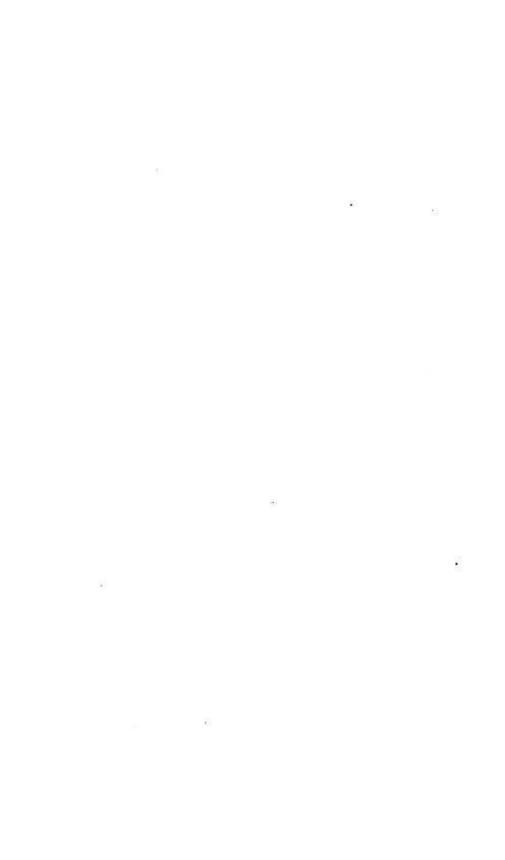
Christmas, 1879.



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I.

HAIL, Memory! thou mirror of the past!

Thou tablet of the mind! Like wax, so free
Impressions to receive; yet holding fast,
Like deeply chiselled stone, tenaciously
The record of days gone. Oh, come to me;
Bring me, oh, Memory! from thy fertile clime,
The flowers of thought, whose seeds were sown for thee
In bygone years; and let my feeble thyme
Reflect what life has traced upon the sands of time.