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EDWARD CLODD

FIT FRIEND OF ONE OF OUR GREATEST





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## INTERNAL HARMONY

ASSURED of worthiness we do not dread  
Competitors ; we rather give them hail  
And greeting in the lists where we may fail :  
Must, if we bear an aim beyond the head !  
My betters are my masters : purely fed  
By their sustainment I likewise shall scale  
Some rocky steps between the mount and vale ;  
Meanwhile the mark I have and I will wed.  
So that I draw the breath of finer air,  
Station is nought, nor footways laurel-strewn,  
Nor rivals tightly belted for the race.  
Good speed to them ! My place is here or there ;  
My pride is that among them I have place :  
And thus I keep this instrument in tune.

GEORGE MEREDITH.