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THE HON. SIDNEY HERBERT.

MY DEAR HERBERT,

Poetical Literature has strong hereditary claims on your favour. The ingenious enquiries of modern criticism have left little doubt that the "Mr. W. H.," to whom Shakspeare dedicated and, for the most part, address his Sonnets, was Mr. William Herbert, the third Earl of Pembroke, his Friend and your Ancestor.

To be proud of such associations, to rejoice in being thus connected with what is most glorious and honorable in our English past, will be permitted you, even by those who regard the usual distinctions of birth as uncongenial to the more independent spirit and riper reason of these our times.

You will not then refuse to repay to the lowlier sons of the family of Song some portion of that obligation which yours has received from their great Master; you will not complain that I have adorned this little book with a name which your tastes and talents promise still further to enhoble.

Believe me,

Faithfully yours,

R. M. MILNES.

June, 1840.

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