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JONATHAN LAWRENCE, JUNIOR.

Stolen from hours I should have tied To musty volumes at my side; Given to hours that sweetly woodd My heart from its study's solitude. Thoughts of a Student

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INTRODUCTION.

The publication of the following selection, from the writings of the late Jonathan Lawrence, Jun., has been undertaken by the desire of many of his friends, and at the particular request of a literary association, of which he was for several years a zealous and active supporter. In preparing these remains for the press, limited as the circulation of the work will be, the Editor is conscious that he is acting contrary to what would probably have been the wish of the author, with regard to productions written during the intervals of assiduous application to the studies and duties of his profession, and with a few exceptions, not intended for the public eye. Anxious as he feels not to send forth into the world anything calculated to detract from a reputation dear to him

as his own, he cannot but be aware of the disadvantages under which this work appears without the supervision and correction of its author. deemed unnecessary in a publication like the present, to enter into any detailed account of a life, which, marked by few events of interest, had been passed in preparing for what promised to be a bright career of usefulness and honor. To enable the reader, however, to ascertain the age of the author at the several periods when the following pieces were written, it may be proper to state that Mr. Lawrence was born in the city of New York, November 19th, 1807, and died April 26th, 1833, before he had completed his 26th year. The language of panegyric is alike needless, for to those who knew him eulogy would be superfluous, and by those who were unacquainted with his character, it might be attributed to the influence of partial affection. The object of this publication, intended solely for the eye of friendship, will have been fully answered, if it shall sometimes recall the remembrance of one certainly not unworthy of the sympathy and regret which his early

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death has called forth. The Editor would be doing injustice to his own feelings, were he to conclude these brief remarks without expressing his deep sense of the kindness of those friends who have aided him with their advice and assistance in preparing the following pages for the press.

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