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## DEDICATORY VERSES.

Brothers of Charity, yours are the verses here,  
Take them or leave them, admire or disdain!  
Little of moment the rhymester rehearses here;  
Would it were much! For his spirit would  
fain  
Prove you its gratitude, pay what it owes to  
you,  
Sons of the Belgian Vincent de Paul\*  
Rich in the kindness and grace that e'er flows  
to you  
Down from the Maker and Master of all!

Workers in silence for Christ and His dearest  
ones,  
Love is your portion here, glory above.  
Many profess; but the true and sincerest ones  
Sacrifice, suffer and live for their love.  
Thus speed your lives away: faith, regularity,—  
Self all forgotten,—like drops in the sea,—  
God be your guerdon, ye Brothers of Charity,  
Christ your rewarder and heaven your fee!

\*See Note to Dedicatory Verses, next page.



## NOTE TO DEDICATORY VERSES

The Very Rev. Pierre Joeph Triest (1760-1836), Titular Canon of St. Bavon of Ghent, Knight of the Order of Leopold and of the Order of the Belgian Lion, Founder of the Brothers of Charity. In history, and even during his life-time, he has often been called "the St. Vincent dePaul of Belgium."

## PREFACE.

The title-page describes this volume very well; not "poems," please, but "verses." For "poetry" and "poem" have always been, to the author at least, words of a character almost sacred. He would grant the title "poetry" only to the very best passages of the great classics, ancient and modern, though there is much unworded poetry in the earth-life-experience of every human being.

Nearly all of these "verses of thirty years ago" were published in newspapers and magazines of about that period under various nom-de-plumes. The author collects them now for the first time in a volume. He considers them "too good to throw away" and hopes that many readers will find pleasure in them.

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