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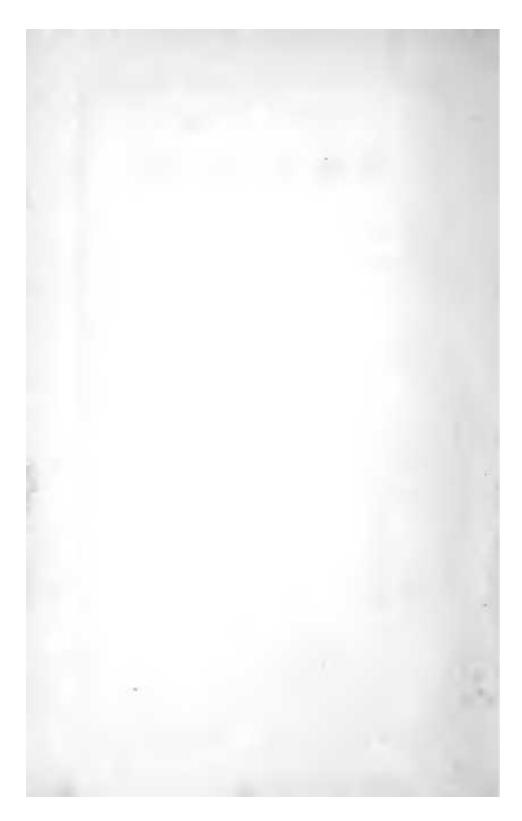


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Preface.

The author of the present volume has had for many years an intense and abnost insuperable bias towards poetical composition. This has often been restrained rather than encouraged; but particular circumstances, that need not here be detailed, have from time to time compelled to the cultivation of the propensity, and made him desirous of striking out, if nossible, a path into the literary world, or at least trying to ascertain his real strength in that arena. Nearly twelve years ago the poem of "Welton Dale" was written for such a purpose; but a want of selfconfidence, and a perhaps unnecessary fear of unfair and severe criticism, acting on a sensitive temperament, caused it to be withheld from publication. As stated in the preface, its recent issue resulted from a conversation with the Hull Publisher, having especial regard to the printing of the present work; but had it been foreseen, at the time of writing, that it would have met with such a favourable reception as it has so far done, undoubtedly it then would have been given to the public,

This book was mainly written, and is issued solely as an experiment, to see how far criticism and public feeling may adjudge the author to possess poetic talents, which, if properly cultivated and