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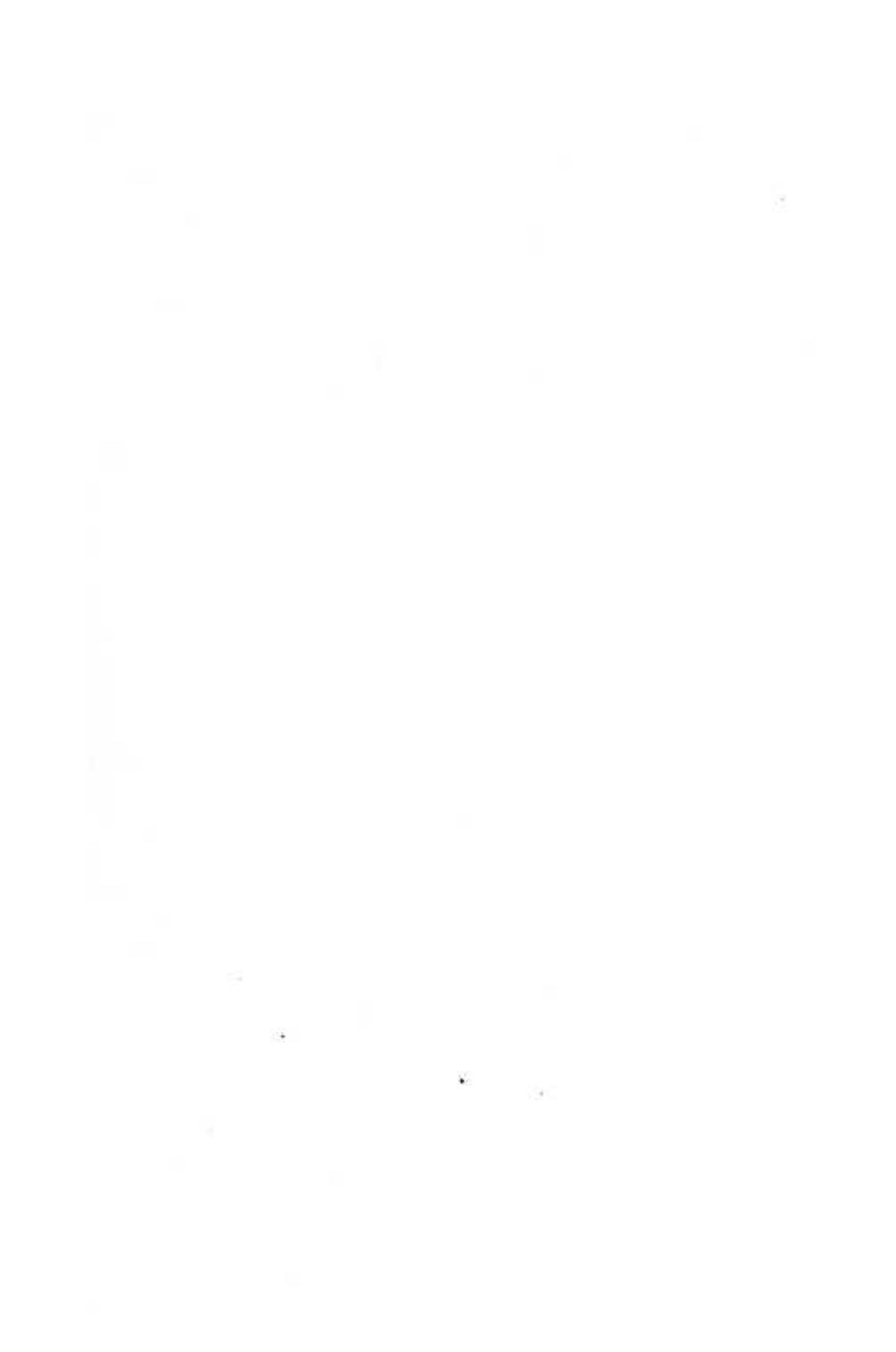
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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

TO NEW EDITION.

THIS new edition, being the first collected edition of my Poems, includes the volumes entitled *Village Bells*, *Atalanta*, and *Justine*.

The critics have for the most part spoken favourably of my verses ; but what mark, if any, my Poetry may make, I know not ; nor of my chance of being ranked amongst the Poets of my native land.

I have lived and I have written, and my endeavour has been to express truthful and noble thoughts, and to give a few episodes learnt in a life eventful in aspirations and in feelings ; there may be left a consciousness, perhaps, that I have not written in vain.

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The *Lays and Legends of Kent*, containing "Sir Robert de Shurland," are not included in the present volumes; nor are the *Lays of Poland*, excepting a few pieces. The *Lays of Poland* were written in the enthusiasm of youth, as a tribute to a gallant people rising in stern remembrance against the loss of their nationality and the wrongs which oppressed them.

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#### NOTE BY THE EDITORS.

THE author's death having taken place before the publication of this edition, his executors have endeavoured to carry out what they believe would have been his wishes.

FRANCIS AND ALGERNON BRENT.

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