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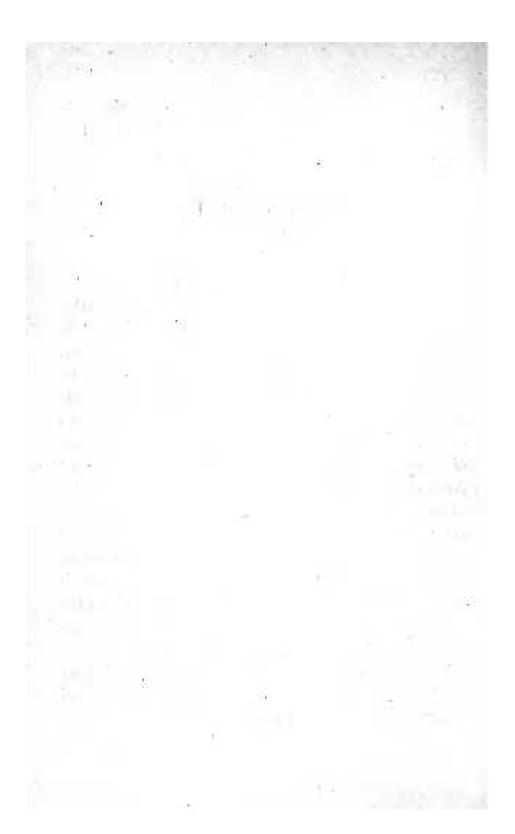
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## PREFACE.

THIS selection from the poems and songs of Charles Mackay has been made from the twelve volumes published at various intervals between the years 1840 and 1882, viz. :-- I. "The Hope of the Workl." II. "The Salamandrine ; or, the Maid of Mora." III. " Legends of the Isles." IV. "Voices from the Crowd." V. "Voices from the Mountains." VI. "Egeria ; or, the Spirit of Nature." VII. "The Lump of Gold, a Legend of Australia." VIII. "Under Green Leaves." IX. "A Man's Heart." X. "Studies from the Antique." XI. " Interludes and Undertones." XII. " Collected Songs." Several of these volumes have gone through four and five editions, and others are now out of print ; and all of them on their first appearance were received with public favour, and acquired for the author a high degree of popularity, not only in Great Britain, but in America and Australia. Many of the songs have been translated into French and German and other European languages.

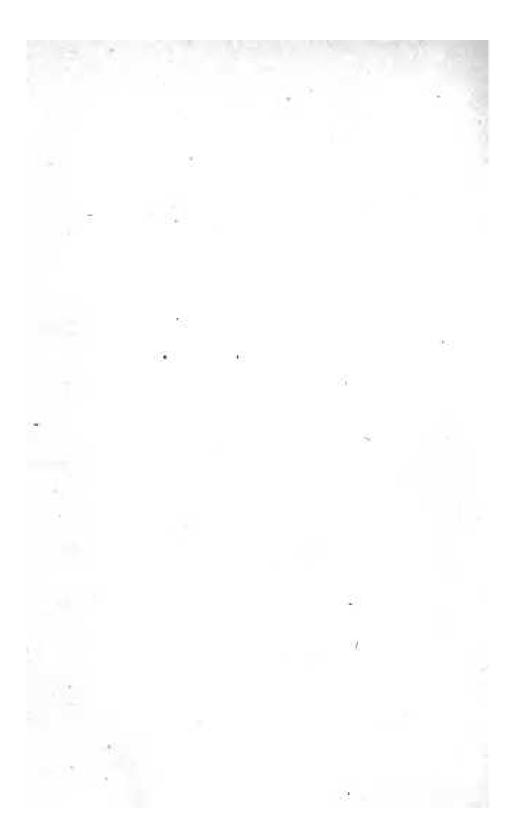
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### INTRODUCTION.

#### By DOUGLAS JERROLD,

#### AUTHOR OF "BLACK-EYED SUSAN," "MRS. CAUDLE'S CORTAIN LECTURES," "ST. GILES'S AND ST. JAMES'S," ETC.

THE lyrics of this great English writer—this British Béranger -have gone home to the hearts of the people. Charles Mackay boasts, and with reason, that in whatever he has written he has never courted popularity, but has simply written because he could not help uttering the thought that was in him, and because the thought spontaneously took the lyrical form. The truth of this is set on the front of every page, lives in the free and noble spirit of every song. There is in Charles Mackay all the freshness and spontaneity, the love of freedom, and the hate of everything mean, which we love in Burns. In this volume there is a surfeit of beautiful things. The flowers are under our feet and over our head, and they dance and nod about us, as we stand, almost buried in them. "The Voices from the Crowd" are so manly, and speak sentiments so touching and valorous withal, that we exclaim, "Here is one of the real teachers of the people, whom we should do well to honour and cherish !" We can only hope that this volume may find its way into every cottage library and every workman's club. There is not a harsh nor an unworthy thought in all the collection ; nay, but this is poor praise where so much is due to the chief poet of the people of the Victorian epoch. His abounding humanity, the marvellous variety of ways in which he clothes with

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