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DACTYLIC HEXAMETER.

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"Lass mich ein Kind sein, sei es mit."

SCHILLER'S MARIA STUART,  
ACT 3, SCENE 1.

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## PREFACE.

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THE opening poem in this collection was written in the spring of 1845, while the author was a member of the Senior class of Yale College, and delivered, by appointment, before the Society of BROTHERS IN UNITY, April 9, of the same year. It has since, on a few occasions, been, by special request, read, but has never been published till now.

Of the others, the most have been already printed in different papers and magazines, but now for the first collected and issued together. Some of the minor pieces, being early efforts, hardly deserve preservation; nevertheless they are retained, and, with the rest, presented, rather than obtrusively offered, in deference to the desire of those who have urged their retention.

If any of them shall prove a pleasant pastime to a casual or interested reader, or the source of comfort to any sorrowing heart, the object of their issue will have been attained, and the author amply rewarded.

O. C.

*Morristown, N. J.*

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## PROEM.

Go forth, my little Book,  
With modest mien and look,  
    On thy career;  
Not with defiant air,  
Not with the trumpet's blare,  
Yet hoping treatment fair  
Without a fear.

If critic's searching eye  
Some faults in thee descry,  
    Repress alarm;  
For if he but reflects  
That each has his defects,  
He, though he flaws detects,  
Will do no harm.

It hath been often told,  
The world at heart is cold,  
    And oft unjust;  
But there is many a heart,  
Whose kind emotions start,  
That would not cause a smart  
In wanton thrust.

Go, then, and do thy share  
To soothe distressing' care  
    In others' minds;  
Go, on thy mission sent,