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## PROLOGUE.

I STRING together verses of my youth,

And some of later days, because—ah well!

I wonder if I know the whole plain truth,

And if I know it whether I can tell.

Is it because I feel they should not lie Forgotten, honoured on no single shelf? The world can well afford to let them die; Do I then publish all to please myself,

Thro' 'vanity of song'? Not all, I think.

Relies there are of hours we would embalin—

Tho' only one may see, as thro' a chink,

Where here was tempest, there were peace
and calm.

Companions of memory there are
Whom we enshrine in silence: winds have
blown

Others abroad, beneath a different star

Born, unto some we fain would make them
known:

To some who prize. Soft voices, which have said

Print, shall I blame you for these leaves because

A page or two once idly heard or read Moved for the moment a kind heart's applause?

Nay, friends, whate'er the slender issue be,
Or smile or scoff, this venture it is mine—
Who cast one shell more into that great sea
Of verse that lacks the poet's breath divine.

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April, 1878.

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