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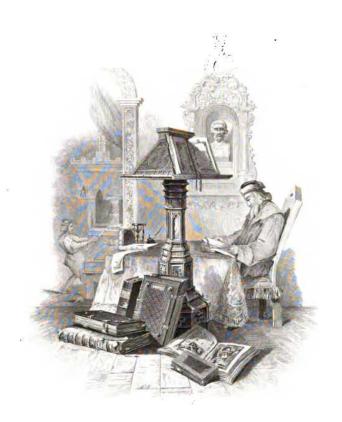
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### PREFACE.

Thomas Occleve is one of those writers of whose history we know nothing further than that which is found in his writings; but fortunately in this case many of these are of a personal character. A number of his shorter poems were contained in a manuscript which, after passing through the hands of Askew, of George Mason, and of Heber, was sold when Heber's library was dispersed by public auction. Mason published a selection from it in a quarto volume printed in 1796.\* In the first of these poems, which is entitled in the MS. La male regle de T. Hoccleve, he tells us how he had impoverished himself and fallen into distress by his wasteful living. Addressing riches as a thing with which he was then little acquainted, but of which he had enjoyed the advantage in his youth, he goes on to say:—

My freendes seiden unto me ful ofte My misrcule me cause wolde a fit, And redden me in esy wyse and softe A lyte and lyte to withdrawen it; But that nat mighte synke into my wit. So was the lust yrooted in myn herte: And now I am so rype unto my pit, That scarsely I may it nat asterte.

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