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THIS VOLUME

IS DEDICATED

TO

My Mother's Memory.

P R E F A C E.

MOST of the Poems in this volume have already appeared during the last ten years in my own paper, "THE LABOUR NEWS," or in other journals circulating chiefly among working people.

Some, as vagrant verses, have found their way across seas and come back to me on the wings of the press as pleasant surprises from distant lands.

At the suggestion of some who say they would be glad to have my verses in a cheap collected form I now send forth this volume, the writing of which has afforded a pleasant solace to a busy life, and which may perhaps meet with kindred mood in other minds.

The "POOR LAW RHYMES" were written in 1871, and must therefore now be read with a regard to the changes which a decade of improved administration may seem to suggest. There is still, however, I venture to think, ample room for "RHYMES WITH REASON" on this subject.

Ballads in Advocacy of Temperance may, perhaps, also require a similar explanation.

"THE DOOMED SHIP" was written as far back as 1857.

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