

INTRODUCTION.

With many misgivings as to what reception it will meet, I have at last ventured to place this little work before the public eye. I am well aware that the critics (particularly the poets) will find many real as well as imaginary faults in it, but it has been written with good intentions. On looking over some of these poems I have hesitated, hardly knowing whether to give them a place in my little book or not, but remembering the poet's couplet,

"A little nonsense now and then
Is relished by the best of men,"

I decided to let them go with the rest. I know this little work is far from being perfect, but I trust there are those who will kindly pardon all deficiencies in consideration of the fact that I have earnestly tried to contribute something towards promoting the happiness of others. Should any of my little verses prove the means of shedding a ray of comfort on some poor sorrowing soul who is passing through the deep waters of affliction, my humble efforts will not have been in vain.

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