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THE following Drama appeared two years since, in several successive numbers of the "Lady's Book;" and the earnest solicitations of friends, who have perhaps judged it with too much partiality, joined to some minor considerations, have induced the author again to submit it to the ordeal of public criticism, — which she does with much timidity, and many fears lest it should be found unable to abide that fiery trial. The Poem, which accompanies it, has likewise been already published. But as the groundwork, both of that and of the Drama, was derived from the same sacred volume, it is subjoined, rather, as having on that account been deemed a fitting companion for the former, than because it is thought to possess any extraordinary merit to recommend it to the notice of the reader.

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