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In this edition I have corrected a few errors, and have given some additional variant readings, to many of which my attention was called by Mr. J. C. Bailey's admirable edition of Cowper's Poems, which appeared in Nov., 1905.

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