

of those most emulous. Faulty as I know this little work is, I trust from its genuineness and regard to truth, that the arrows of criticism may fall impotently upon it, and that the wide spreading mantle of charity may cover all serious defects.

I know not how others may feel, but it appears to me in this leave-taking, that it requires no little nerve to disperse all the imaginary personages with which I have communed. There are airy forms which float on silken pinions when thus engaged, who whisper in such captivating tones that the communion becomes the more endearing from its own ideal existence.

The best wish that I can offer you at parting, is, health, happiness and prosperity, with the hope of another re-union.

