

## PREFACE.

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NOT all the festivals of the farm have been attempted in these pages ; there are still more in the author's heart than in his book.

Such only have been selected as might best help to express the thoughts, fancies, and memories which are uppermost in his mind, and (in a few cases) to garner certain poems already written.

Some of the characters were drawn from people the author has known—some of the incidents from scenes in which he has participated ; but the names used are of course, all fictitious, though taken at random from such as are liable to be found in any farming community.

With these few words of introduction, he respectfully presents to the public this third number of *THE FARM SERIES*, and will be more than pleased, should it gain as kind and generous a greeting as have its predecessors.

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