

## Preface.

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THE kind partiality of the Committee of the Young Men's Society having induced me to give this Lecture into their hands to be printed, some apology is, perhaps, due to the general reader for publishing what may not prove to be so entertaining or instructive as he may expect. But whatever opinion may be formed of it by less tolerant critics, I shall be well satisfied, if the young men who heard it are pleased. And, if, in the cultivation of their tastes, they shall find my suggestions useful to them, I shall be more than repaid. May the purity and innocency of their lives prove that they do not hear in vain.

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