

justice. If I had been endowed with the gifts, so generously bestowed by the greatest of all Authors, on the souls of those who have left an immortal record forevermore, then, indeed, the efforts now so poor—so unworthy—might have been crowned by success, and shed an almost magical influence over the hearts of the inhabitants of this, my native country,—so much beloved, so endeared by holy and precious memories of by-gone days, and merit the approval I would sacrifice much to obtain. Falling short of all this, I can only ask their toleration for an attempt so inefficient, and shall feel doubly repaid if the compositions, however imperfect, will serve to pass away an idle hour, or awaken a pleasant thought in the minds of my readers.

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