[Titles marked (*) should be made the subject of special preparation by reading the words to be described; the essayist will then, and then only, write with sincerity and ease, and have at his command those references and quotations which alone can give animation to his work.

XXIV. The Olney Hymns.

XXV. The Moral Satires.

XXVI. *The Task.

(i.) "The Sofa,"

(ii.) "The Winter Evening."

(iii.) "The Garden."

(iv.) "The Winter Morning Walk."

XXVII. *Some Minor Poems.

XXVIII. Translations.

XXIX. *Letters.

(Benham's edition, Golden Treasury Series, contains a good selection.)

[More general themes.]

XXX. A Privy Council Meeting in Elizabeth's Reign.

XXXI. The Court of Elizabeth.

XXXII. The Condition of England at Cowper's Birth.

XXXIII. General Characteristics of Cowper's Poetry.