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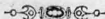
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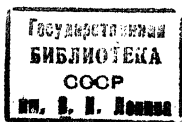


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TO

ALGERNON LORD PRUDHOE.

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MY DEAR LORD,

Although my sole wish is to offer you what I know is but a very poor testimony of respect, I fear I cannot even escape the imputation of seeking my own advantage in asking your permission to dedicate this work to you; for although you have not, I believe, posts and honours to bestow, nor distinctions to distribute, yet certainly your name will confer no light benefit upon the work, and no small honour on the author. I am, indeed, aware that the gain must be all on my side, and that those whose good opinion is the most valuable, when they see to whom this book is dedicated, will take his name as a passport to their favour. It may seem to be saying, perhaps, too much in favour of my own production, to assure you, that, did I not believe that, in one respect at least, it will not be found unmeet for your acceptance, I would not offer it to you, who are so well fitted to judge of its merits or demerits. But there is a sort of confidence distinct from vanity, and founded upon a better basis than even public applause, — it is the consciousness of high and good purposes, however feeble or faulty may be the execution. Others, who can judge better than I can, assure me that, even in the latter point, the work is less unworthy than many of its predecessors; but, were it ten times better than anything I ever have written or shall write, it would afford but an inefficient testimony of my respect and esteem.

I cannot help referring to the time when first I had the honour of making your acquaintance, and to hours which we then passed