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PREFACE.

THESE Essays on the Drama, or on subjects connected with it, were written for the occasion, and accordingly any little interest they may have possessed at the moment will probably by this time have become extinct. I have been repeatedly urged, however, by persons in whose judgment I confide, to reprint them, and I have yielded to their wishes rather than my own.

By additions, retrenchments, and modifications, I could perhaps have rendered these Essays better worth reproduction. But I prefer leaving them as they were originally written, since in that form they attained the approbation I most value.

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