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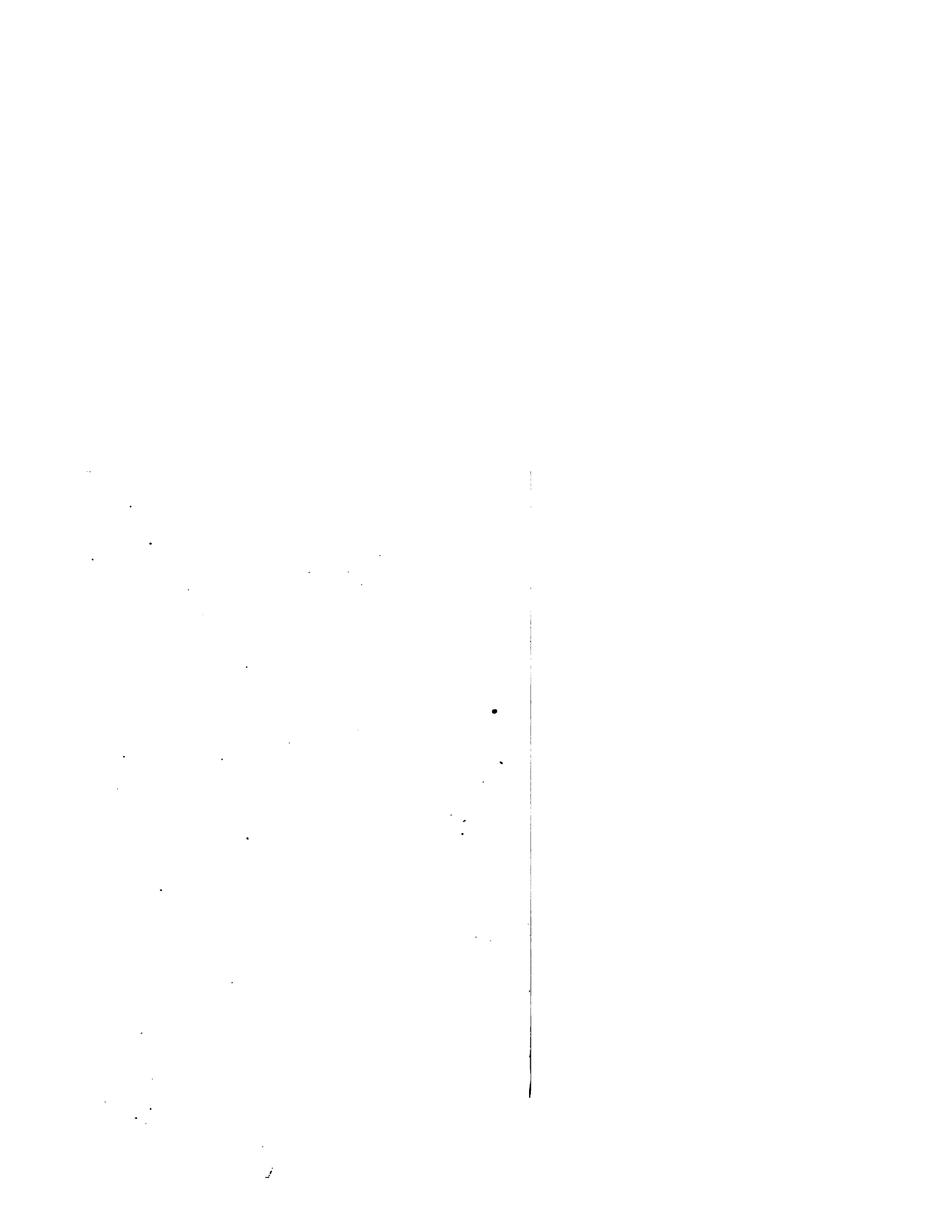
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THE POETICAL WORKS
OF
HENRY DURAND,

WITH

A BIOGRAPHICAL PREFACE BY THE LATE
PROFESSOR A. VINET, OF LAUSANNE.

"Vous de la lyre, amis harmonieux,
Oh ! recueillez avec un soin pieux
Ces chants épars où j'ai laissé mon âme."
MADAME AMABLE TASTU.

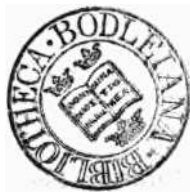
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TO HER

WHOSE FEELINGS SHE HAS EXPRESSED

AND TO

THE MEMORY OF MANY HAPPY DAYS SPENT AT

LES AVANTS,

A MOUNTAIN RETREAT OF HER NATIVE LAND.

~~His Book~~

IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED BY

THE TRANSLATOR.



PREFACE BY THE TRANSLATOR.

ALL that Swiss scenery owns of grand and beautiful is now familiar to our countrymen. But the production of a Swiss mind, especially as kindled into poetry by that scenery, is comparatively a *rara avis*. And since the original of this volume is stamped with the approving seal of one of Europe's first thinkers—the late Professor A. Vinet, of Lausanne—we indulge a hope that our translation also will not be altogether unacceptable to English readers.

It has been said,* that “ a faithful and elegant translator is a character of the highest virtue in the

* Letter from Miss Talbot to Mr. Carter.—Carter's Letters, vol. i. p. 126.

literary republic." Accordingly, in spite of the condemnatory satire expressed both in Dryden's prose and Denham's verse, we advance a boast of having paid equal court to the sister-merits of Fidelity and Beauty.

Justice forbids our claiming a property in more than a fraction of the poems numbered VI., IX., and XXVI. respectively, which are principally from another hand.

Finally, we render cordial thanks to those kind friends whose prevenient patronage has brought about the launch of this little poetical craft; and express a wish that she may be found laden with interest to all, instruction to many, and glory to the Most High.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

HENRY DURAND.

THE friends of HENRY DURAND rather than the public have been considered, in now collecting and committing to the press a few verses written by that interesting young man, who has left behind him so many regrets, and borne away with him so many hopes. No doubt the public will recognise in them a true poet, and will heave a sigh over such genuine and graceful talent, the morning of which has been so early overcast; but chiefly it is from his having thrown his whole soul into his poetry, that the friends of his youth have attached so much interest to their preservation. It was also their wish to find at the head of this collection a few words touching his short life: these words I have been commissioned to write, and thankfully have I accepted the task. It was my delightful privilege to reckon Henry Durand among the number of my own disciples. Here, then, the last duties are paid by an elder to