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On Shakespear's Monument at Stratford upon Avon.

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Alike the instrument of good and evil,
 The attribute of God and of the Devil.
 Without her, Virtue is a powerless Will;
 She, without Virtue, is a powerful ill;
 Does she then join with Virtue, or oppose,
 She proves the best of Friends, or worst of Foes.
 O! be they once in happiest union join'd,
 And be that union in ATHENIA'S mind.



On SHAKESPEAR'S Monument at Stratford
 upon Avon.

By the Same.

Great HOMER'S birth sev'n rival cities claim,
 Too mighty such monopoly of Fame;
 Yet not to birth alone did HOMER owe
 His wond'rous worth; what EGYPT could bestow,
 With all the schools of GREECE and ASIA join'd,
 Enlarg'd th' immense expansion of his mind.
 Nor yet unrival'd the MÆONIAN strain,
 The ^a British Eagle, and the Mantuan Swan
 Tow'r equal heights. But happier STRATFORD, thou
 With incontest'd laurels deck thy brow:
 Thy Bard was thine *unschool'd*, and from thee brought
 More than all EGYPT, GREECE, or ASIA taught.
 Not HOMER'S self such matchless honours won;
 The Greek has Rivals, but thy SHAKESPEAR none.

^a *Milton.*

A SONG.