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## POEMS PLEASANT AND UNPLEASANT

*A Florentine Cycle and Other Poems*, by Gertrude Huntington McGiffert, are wistful, musical, pensive and untouched by the unrest and passion of the world. Especially lovely is the cycle called "The Homestead," with its woven memories and cherished traditions. Perhaps the most remarkable poem in the collection is the last, "The Aged Christ," a strange and repellent fancy of the Master saved from death and dwelling concealed among his disciples, grown old, decrepit and disheartened, doubtful of his Messiahship; he who had been incarnate Life and Hope in his youth, distrustful of life itself and of his mission. The poem has at least the good result of making the reader rejoice that Christ *did* die in his splendid young manhood, to live on in the hearts of men and to be alive forevermore.

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