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Essay on Old Maids by A Friend to the Sisterhood. In Three Vols.  
The Third Edition. M. DCC. XCIII.

W. O.'s Note on Flyleaf.

William Hayley 1745 1820. Poet. b. Chichester, ed. Eton & Cambridge. Published many tragedies and poetical epistles. "The triumph of Temper" passed thro' 12 editions. Friend of Romney. Biographer of Milton and of Cowper. Married 1769. Wife adopted his illegitimate son. Essay on Old Maids one of his few still readable works was published in 1785. He retired to Felpham where he lived in great seclusion. His memoirs were edited by J. Johnson 1823. He was paid <sup>an</sup> annuity for them from 1812.

Southey remarked of Hayley "Everything is good about him but his poetry".

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I bought these volumes in Edinburgh. August 1901.

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