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TO THOSE WHO SORROW.

PREFACE.

NEARLY all the matter of this little volume has been in print before. Some of it has been copied many times, and circulated widely. Parts of it have been called for from California and the Mississippi to Maine. From many sources the advice has come, to put it into permanent form. It is now sent forth with no pretension, and making no claims. It indeed aspires to the sacred work of comfort, but only by hints and whispers that would "let Grief be her own mistress still." The author despises perfunctory or official sympathy. He would simply sit down by the side of those whom the cloud overhangs, and by a pressure of the hand, or a word from the heart, help them believe in the light that is above the clouds and

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stronger than they. He would not claim to *prove* all he has suggested. One may *hope* the sweetest and best things, if only his hope be rational.

As for the verses, if any one thinks they are not worthy to be called poetry, let them be named whatever they may.

The "parts" of the book can be read continuously; or the paragraphs may be taken at random, and without regard to order.

The book contains nothing sectarian.

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