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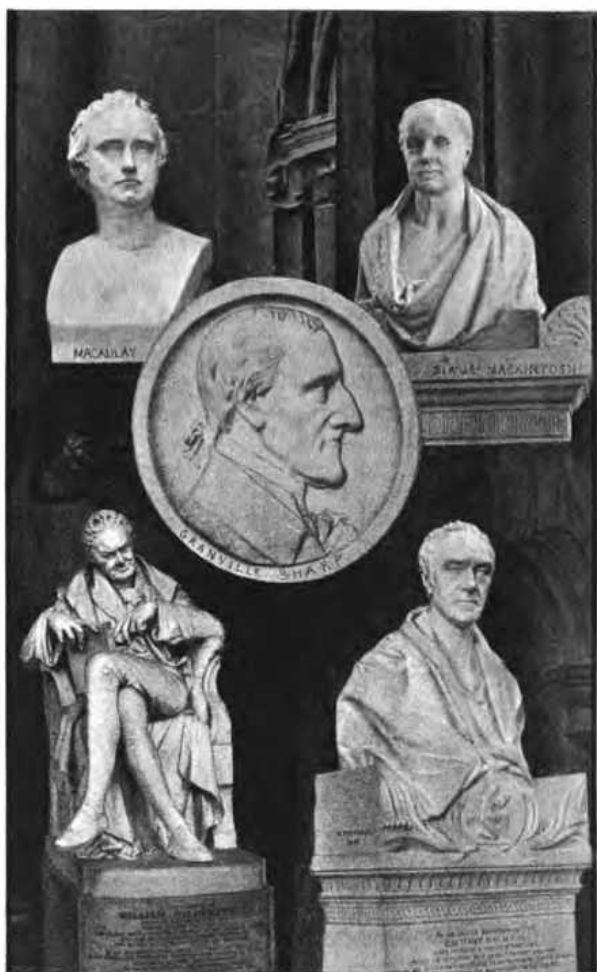
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THE GREAT CLAPHAMITES IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

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THOMAS HANBURY, F.L.S.

OF

THE PALAZZO ORENCO, LA MORTOLA, NEAR MENTONE,

Knight of the Order of St. Maurice and St. Lazarus and of the Cross of the Crown of
Italy,

THIS LITTLE MEMOIR OF CLAPHAM (HIS BIRTHPLACE)

Is Dedicated

IN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE GENEROUS ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS
BROUGHT ABOUT ITS PUBLICATION,

BY HIS ATTACHED FRIEND,

THE AUTHOR.



PREFACE.

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A YEAR ago I had the honour of giving this Lecture on "Old Clapham," which was written in the spring of 1885, to an audience at the Clapham Hall, who were pleased to express their wishes that it should be printed. A wish, which thanks to the generous friend to whom this book is dedicated, I am now able to comply with.

I have added somewhat to the original, which was only intended to occupy a couple of hours; but no attempt at a History of Clapham is intended. My object has been only to awaken an interest in the place, and above all things to remind my Clapham friends of those great names who once made the name of their parish famous.

I have an affection for Clapham Common; and when I stand on it and mark the evening sun setting with that peculiar glory, which it often does over Battersea Rise, I am reminded by its splendour of that beneficent light which emanated thence, and shed its benign rays over the dark places of this earth, enabling men to see those forms of evil which had so long oppressed mankind.

Great men lived here; great deeds were done here in

the cause of suffering humanity. True religion throve and flourished here; this was the home of great enthusiasts—a word sometimes despised nowadays, but derived, I am told, from two Greek words, meaning "God within."

J. W. G.

CHASE LODGE, CLAPHAM COMMON,
Christmas Day, 1886.