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'The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as he of a contrite spirit.'-Ps. xxxiv. 18

'The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousaces unto children's children.'----Ps. ciii. 17

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PRINCIPAL DATES

1821. BIRTHS.

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1830. HIS BROTHER'S DEATH.

1836. APPRENTICESHIP,

1844. MARRIAGE-HIS FATHER'S DEATH.

1851. HIS MOTHER'S DEATH.

,1854. REDHILL.

1864. CHELMSFORD.

1865-66. DEATH OF CHILD AND WIFE.

1879. EAST DULWICH.

1885. DEATH OF E. H.

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E. H.-MR. EBENEZER HOOPER. EMMA H.-MRS. EMMA HOOPER.

But not extinct, they hold their way In glory through the sky.

Spirits, from bondage thus set free,

Vanish amidst immensity,

Where human thought, like human sight, Fails to pursue their trackless flight.'

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PREFACE

THIS book is compiled to make more permanent and accessible some records of those whose memories are beloved by their children, and will be reverenced by their descendants.

In December, 1883, it was suggested to E. Hooper by his son that 'it would be useful and interesting if you wrote your recollections.' He commenced at once, an entry in his diary, Tuesday, December 11, being: 'Began biography;' but the effort was distasteful, and increasing weakness hindered its progress when he had only brought it down to 1832.

A previous record, dated April, 1863, entitled, 'Some Memorials of my Life,' was found among his papers after his decease. This appears to have been forgotten. Although in some respects more complete, and containing an almost 'Grace Abounding' of spiritual conflict, it ends abruptly at his father's death in 1844. The two have been pieced together, omitting repetitions, and the life-story continued from personal recollections. or letters and

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diaries of E. and Emma Hooper, extracts from which are given, so that the impress of their thought and personality is maintained throughout.

The numerous letters (especially those of E. Hooper) that flowed from their gifted pens, would supply material for a volume of interesting description and wise counsel.

THOMAS ROWLAND HOOPER.

REDHILL, SURREY.

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