



PREFACE.

The author, in penning these lines, does so with the knowledge that there are many groping in heathenish darkness, regarding the most important truths and doctrines of Life. Especially the young, who, as the chaff, are driven away through the rush and worry of every-day life, into mad careers or untimely graves—as the world is ever wont to indulge in many unlawful and licentious intercourses to relieve Dame Nature of oppression. It becomes some one to speak out without reservation against these crimes, their causes and arrestives; as a timely hint sometimes saves a ship which otherwise might founder.

For the soul to be without knowledge, it is not good. Yea, saith the Scriptures, “Buy the truth, and sell it not.” “For want of knowledge my people perish.” “They are as unstable as water.” “Walking every one after the imagination of his own heart.”