

PREFATORY NOTE.



FOR the sake of many friends widely scattered throughout England, France, Australia, Canada and elsewhere, the relatives of the late Mr. Hine made request that the following brief "In Memoriam" should be prepared. Cheerfully acquiescing in this request, it has been written. It is a short summary (somewhat modified and with some additions) of a Memorial Service held on the Lord's Day immediately succeeding his death, in the House of God where he was wont to worship. Its preparation was truly a labor of love, and has left but one impress on the heart of the writer—regret that he had not opportunity more intimately to know, and more fully to cultivate intercourse with his friend, whose character was so singularly chaste, whose life so rarely beautiful.

It is sent on its simple mission with the fervent prayer that it may bring comfort to hearts lonely and bereft; impulse and inspiration to all journeying Home, and perchance, word of warning or timely admonition to any who as yet have no sure title to Heaven's bliss.

May He whose message it is own it and bless it to every reader.

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