

Surrounded there by Hindoo shrines,
 And Temples in decay—
 Ramparts too with frowning guns
 To guard the sacred way*—
 Effulgent cascades, white with foam,
 Which leap the crags below,
 To toss their tribute waters down
 Where mightier torrents flow !
 Speak ! Art thou *there* ? Or, do I haunt
 That wild sequester'd place,
 Alone amidst those ruin'd shrines,
 Which mourn the conquer'd race ?
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 Mouldering bastions hear the distant moan
 And whisper back "*Thou art indeed alone !*"

III.

" Drive sorrow from thy heart my love !
 " The hope which God hath giv'n,
 " Outlives affliction's darkest night,
 " And lights the road to heav'n !
 " Oh ! leave that stone and jasmine tree,
 " And seek that *Holy Hill*,
 " Whence *Comfort* flies on wings of *Peace*
 " To say '*I'm with thee still !*' "

ADVENTURES WITH SOUTH AFRICAN LIONS.

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Virgil tells us of a youthful hero who, while enjoying the puny sport of stag-hunting, longed to see a tawny lion approach ; but even Ascanius might have been taken aback had he found himself unexpectedly brought face to face with four ; and it was no disparagement to my friend's courage to say that he felt, as he candidly confessed, anything but comfortable. He was armed only with a single-barrelled rifle ; and his horse, old Schutkraal, was in no plight for a race with the king of beasts, which can outstrip the swiftest antelope. In this emergency, however, his presence of mind did not forsake

* Like the Israelites of old, the *Hindoos*, *Mahommedans*, *Bluddists*, and other heathen Communities of the East, have from time immemorial been wont to erect their Temples and Holy Shrines in the "high places." Before the conquest of Hindoostan by the British, these Temples (being usually fortified, or capable of being so), afforded refuge to fanatics, devotees, robbers, and armed bodies, who fled there, either for protection, or to occupy the posts as bases of military operations or predatory raids against the hostile forces of any neighbouring chief or other enemy with whom they might be at war.