

*Note to the Third Edition.*

The Author cannot allow a third, and now stereotyped, edition of this Poem to issue from the press without expressing his very grateful sense of the acceptance which this work has found in England and America. Assurances of the deep interest, which the thoughts suggested in these pages have kindled or confirmed in many hearts, have reached him from aged pilgrims at whose feet he would gladly sit and learn, from labourers who are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and from many sufferers and mourners in homes of sorrow and bereavement. The reaping has already far exceeded any toil of the sower, who can only pray that He, whose prerogative it is to multiply the seed sown, may graciously water it with the dew of His blessing.

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