

THE UPPER AND THE NETHER SPRINGS.

CHAPTER I.

A PARABLE OF LIFE.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it :
Thou greatly enrichest it,
The river of God is full of water.

Psalm lxxv. 9.

LET us go up at once and possess it," said Caleb to the children of Israel, in reporting on the promised land, "for we are well able to overcome it." It mattered not to him how big were the sons of Anak, nor how high the walls of their cities. Standing alone with Joshua in opposition to the rest of the spies, he declared: "The land which we passed through to search it is an exceeding good land. If the Lord delight in us, then He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against the