

Repaired to sacred Canaan to inter
The mortal form of Israel, as was
Designed, within the cave of Macphela.
Thus closed the life of Israel on earth,
And Joseph in the providence of God,
When he had lingered long 'mid childhood's scenes,
With all his splendid retinue, returned
To Egypt to resume the kingdom's rule.
And when his brethren still by guilt distressed,
Were overawed at his authority,
And craved protection from his faithful hands,
Bemoaning once again their evil deeds ;
He wept in pain, that they should e'er suspect
His tender heart gave place to ill intent :
Then earnestly assured them that the Lord,
In spite of evil had designed that he
Should be a saviour to His favoured race ;
And when a mighty host should lead them forth
To victory and rich inheritance.

CANTO THE TENTH.

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For three score years and more all Pharaoh's realm
Was 'neath the sway of Joseph, greatly blest,
And all his brethren prospered by his care
Exceedingly, and rose to usefulness,
Which gave them eminence throughout the land.
And when his head was silvered with the years
That lengthened out his life in sweet repose,
From many burdens of his princely state ;
He was so tender and affectionate,