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A Word with the Reader.

ARE you under a cloud, reader? Or, does the sunshine lie broad on your summer way? If the shadows are thick around you, fear not, faint not, falter not—the sun is bright as ever in the heavens above, and the cloudy curtains will, ere long, be drawn aside; but, if all is brightness and beauty, walk not onward too confidently, for shadows as well as sunbeams are on every path of life, and yours will be no exception. Yet, bear this in mind; we make, in nearly all cases, our own shadow and our own sunlight. If we were wise and good, no clouds would obscure our firmament; it is from our ignorance and selfishness that the murky exhalations arise which darken the sky above us. Let us, then, seek for heavenly Wisdom, and she will take us by the hand and lead us on to Goodness. The

way in which we go, having Wisdom for a guide, will be darkened by few shadows, and these will grow fewer and feebler with every advancing foot-step.

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