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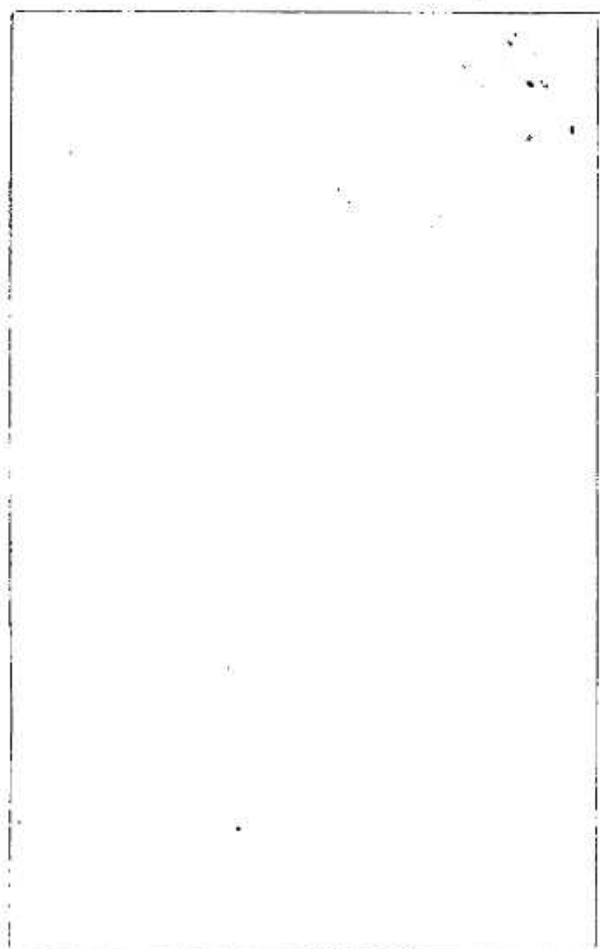
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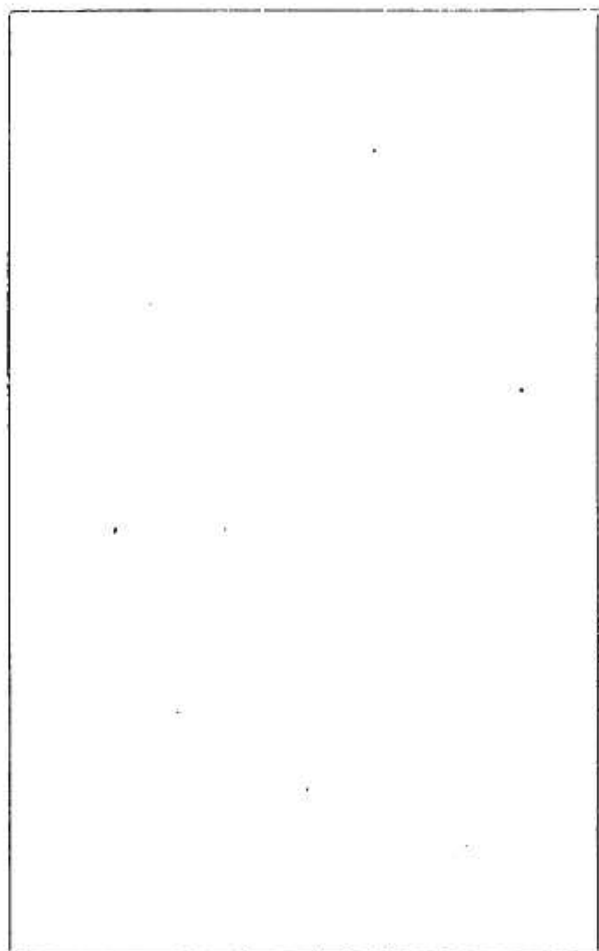
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MOTHER! TO THEE, OF RIGHT, THIS BOOK BELONGS;
FOR, SEATED ON THY KNEE, AN INFANT WEAK,
WITH LISPING TONGUE, I LEARN'D FROM THEE TO SPEAK
"IN PSALMS, AND HYMNS, AND SPIRITUAL SONGS."
OFT DIDST THOU STROKE MY HEAD, AND KISS MY CHEEK,
AND WEEP FOR JOY, TO HEAR THY CHILD REPEAT
HOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD-CAME FROM HEAVEN, TO SEEK
HIS WANDERING LAMBS,—AND HOLD HIS HANDS AND FEET
WHEN PIERCED WITH NAILS—WHILE HE, THE SUFFERER MERE,
PRAYED FOR HIS FOLK, THIN COUNTED TO HIS THRONE,
WITH THRENES LIKE THESE, MY YEARS HAVE STILL UPGROWN,
THROUGH THY PERSUASIVE TEACHING, TENDER CARE,
THINE, AND A LOVING FATHER'S LIFE OF PRAYER.
THE BOOK I OFFER THEE IS THINE THINE OWN!

December 1, 1867.



P R E F A C E .

SEVERAL of the following Hymns and Meditations, were written during a brief visit of recreation, amidst the beautiful scenery which surrounds Bolton Abbey; and others, soon after, under the impulse there received. Hence the title. Some earlier rhythmical attempts are introduced, which may add little to the value of the book,—but,

—“ I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each ”.

not only by what the Poet designates as ‘*natural piety*,’ but also by that which acknowledges a higher origin.

These rhymes are arranged not in the order of their dates, but with the idea of preserving some unity and sequence of subject throughout the book, as a development of religious feeling. Some of them are suitable for psalmody, and to these the letters indicating the metre, are appended in the index of first lines. The Author does not claim for them the high rank of *poetry*; but their publication as *devout meditations in verse*, will not be altogether unjustifiable, if that which has given him so much pleasure in the production, shall prove helpful to the spiritual life of any one, in the perusal.

N. H.