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To the beloved Memory of
A MOTHER,
WHOSE LIFE AND TEACHING
HAVE BEEN HER DAUGHTER'S BEST INSPIRATION,
This little Book
IS REVERENTLY DEDICATED.

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I.

A WIFE'S DUTIES.

READING I.

HOME WHAT IT OUGHT TO BE.

'Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.'—PROV. xv. 17.

IF there is one thing pleasanter than another to speak about, dear friends, I think it must be the subject I have chosen for to-day, for I want to talk to you about home. What a dear word it is! 'Home, sweet home.' We English never get tired of singing that song. There is hardly any one in the length and breadth of the land who has not heard it at some time or other, and loved the very sound of the words as well as the soothing music. I have heard of travellers wandering from land to land, and almost forgetting their native country, till, perhaps, in some far-off log-hut, deep in American