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A Faith Hymn.

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## PREFACE.

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**B**EFORE my Prison-Rhyme, "The Purgatory of Suicides," was finished—thirty years ago—I promised myself to write "The Paradise of Martyrs." A busy life has prevented me from trying to fulfil my promise, in any shape, until very lately. And, even now, I offer but half of my purposed Faith-Rhyme to the world—I mean to the kind people who care to read it. If I do not live to write the other half, these five books are complete in themselves, and will serve to shew what my purpose was; and, perhaps, to over-satisfy many who have, for years, urged me to the fulfilment of my promise.

At sixty-eight, one ceases to be sanguine, if not to care, about literary success. I quite expect the critics will cry out, "What tame stuff is this compared with 'the Purgatory'!" But I shall take no



offence, nor fret with chagrin. My quiet consolation will be that my "Paradise" is *happier* than my "Purgatory." It is the fruit, not of a mind struggling with doubt in a gloomy prison ; but of a heart, thank God ! throbbing with gratitude to Him for restoration to Christian faith and Christian life, and daily intent on spreading that faith and life in the hearts of others.

I have not burthened my poem with numerous Notes, because people do not read pages of Notes now-a-days. The few I have added to each Book seemed to be necessary ; and that is the only reason why they appear.

THOMAS COOPER.



Shall stand the good and true, when heat is gone,  
And party spleen,—and all perceive dismay  
At scried foes doth never cast you down,  
Nor difficulty your patient courage allay ;  
But your consistent course to all men shews  
What you are now you will be to Life's close.

I shall not live to see your toil complete ;  
But know your steady aim to the end will be  
Still to preserve Old England the firm seat  
Of grandest freedom, and to give the key  
Of knowledge unto all. Felicity  
The highest that our fatherland can share  
You wish to see her win : that every child  
Be trained so wisely and well, it may with care  
The laws which freemen love keep undefiled,  
Nor heedless be of holier laws that bear  
The Maker's fiat. Toiling, unbeguiled  
By smiles, unquelled by frowns, the pearl still wear  
Of an unsullied conscience, and your joy,  
Throughout Life's path, no censure shall destroy !