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THAT HIS PURSUIT OF OUR SOULS
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PREFACE

THIS little volume is offered as an ascetical and scriptural interpretation of the poem. The author refrains almost entirely from literary questions. His one aim has been to attempt to clarify obscure passages and to give all passages the atmosphere that is required for them from Sacred Scripture and from standard ascetical principles, for he feels that these not only bring added light and pleasure to the understanding of the poem, so instinct with invigorating thought, but that they are necessarily demanded for even a superficial attainment of Thompson's thought. The whole poem is vibrant with spirituality; and anyone who misses this, is thereby hopelessly out of harmony with the whole theme.

The author wishes to caution the reader that he has no intention of asserting that Thompson had such or such definite passages of Scripture in view. Such passages are offered as illuminative of the poem, not necessarily as sources.

Lastly the author wishes to express his indebtedness to his many Jesuit brethren who have so unselfishly aided him by encouragement, coöperation, and constructive advice in this work.

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