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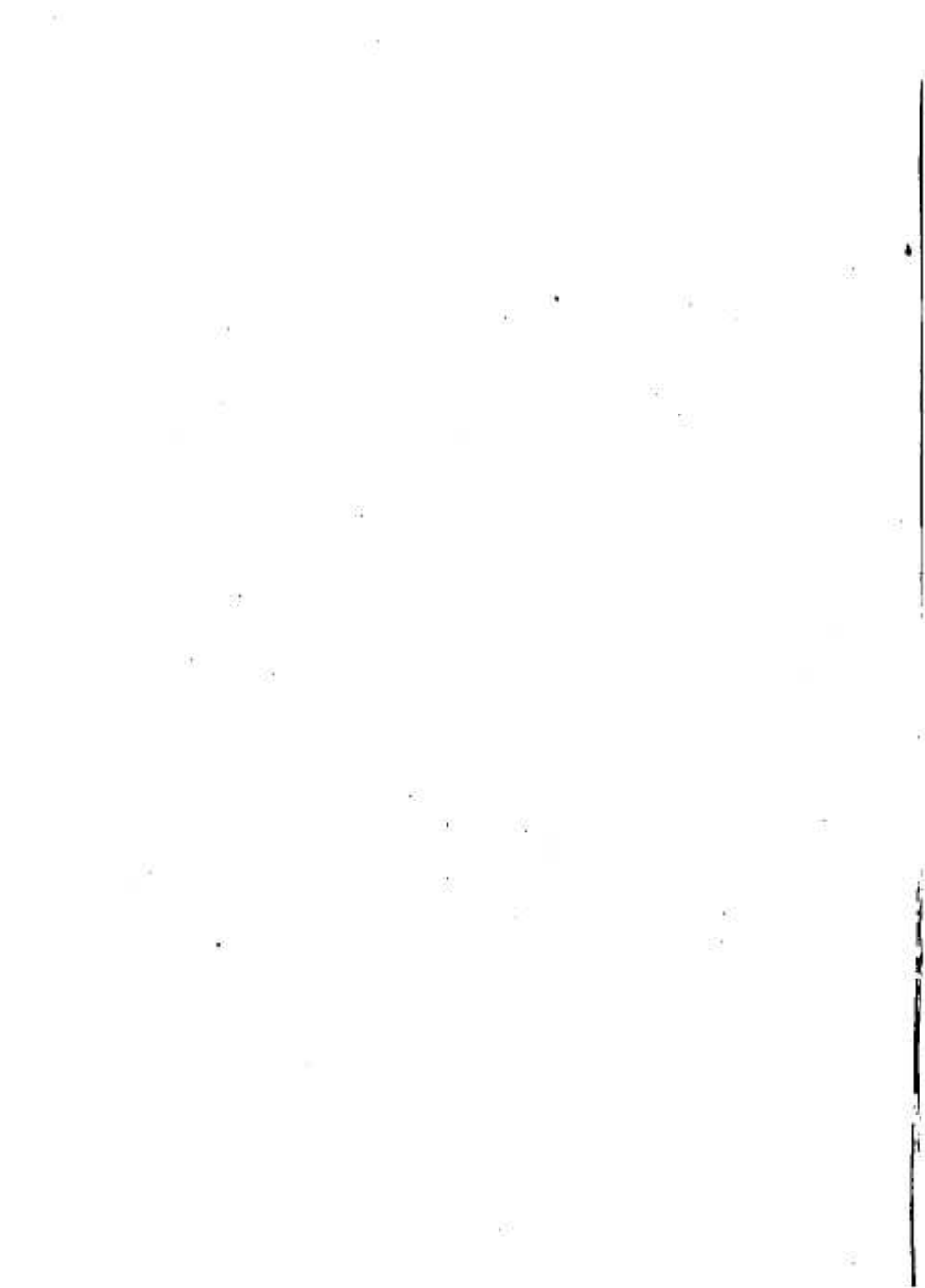
PREFACE

TO

THE NEW EDITION.

THIS collection of Sacred Poems was originally published after the death of Sir Robert Grant by his brother the late Lord Glenelg. Former editions having been long since exhausted, it is thought by the sons and daughter of the late Sir Robert Grant that their republication would not be unacceptable to the lovers of Sacred Poetry; for, while some of these Poems have found a place in almost every collection of devotional verse, others of equal merit have remained comparatively unknown.

April, 1868.



NOTICE

PREFIXED TO THE FIRST EDITION.



THE following Poems were composed at different periods of the Author's life.

Many of them have already appeared in print;— either in periodical publications, or in collections of sacred poetry. A few are now published for the first time.

Of those which are already known to the world copies have been multiplied; but they vary so much from the originals as well as from each other that it becomes necessary to present to the public a more correct and authentic version. In fulfilling this duty, I believe

that I render an acceptable service to the lovers of poetry and religion; and it will, I am persuaded, be found, that the additional poems, here inserted, are in no degree unworthy of those which have preceded them.

GLENELG.

LONDON: *June 18, 1839.*

SACRED POEMS.

I.

For we have not an High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.—*Hebrews* iv. 15.

I

WHEN gathering clouds around I view,
And days are dark, and friends are few,
On Him I lean, who, not in vain,
Experienced every human pain;
He sees my wants, allays my fears,
And counts and treasures up my tears.

2

If aught should tempt my soul to stray
From heavenly wisdom's narrow way,
To fly the good I would pursue,
Or do the sin I would not do—
Still He, who felt temptation's power,
Shall guard me in that dangerous hour.

B

3

If wounded love my bosom swell,
Deceived by those I prized too well—
He shall His pitying aid bestow
Who felt on earth severer woe,
At once betrayed, denied, or fled,
By those who shared His daily bread.

4

If vexing thoughts within me rise,
And sore dismayed my spirit dies,
Still He who once vouchsafed to bear
The sickening anguish of despair,
Shall sweetly soothe, shall gently dry,
The throbbing heart, the streaming eye.

5

When sorrowing o'er some stone I bend,
Which covers what was once a friend,
And from his voice, his hand, his smile,
Divides me—for a little while ;
Thou, Saviour, mark'st the tears I shed,
For Thou didst weep o'er Lazarus dead.