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## PREFACE.

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THESE thoughts are spontaneous ones, and not the result of care and study; neither do they pretend to close argument or reasoning, but rather to elucidate self-convictions and mental truths. As such, perhaps they will find their way to some hearts, and soothe some spirits.

*January 2, 1868.*





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## CHAPTER I.

### THE PATH OF SORROW.

"The path of sorrow, and that path alone,  
Leads to the land where sorrow is unknown."

COWPER.

MANY persons of light and buoyant temperament seem to walk here below in eternal sunshine and thoughtless gaiety; diffusing laughter and merriment around them, and almost ignoring the existence of anything else. They understand not the poet's words.

To earnest and serious minds the tone of constant mirth and levity is distasteful as well as unreal. Peaceful and serene in