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PREFACE.

SOME months before my father left us to be "forever with the Lord" he prepared for the press the following papers, which he purposed publishing under the title given to this volume. He believed, without a shadow of doubt, in the comfortable revelations of the Holy Scriptures, and he has here set forth the message of our Lord to burdened hearts.

I have recently revised the manuscript and added some notes that may be of interest to the reader.

I hope that these utterances of faith and trust may bring to many hearts the Easter joy that comforted him from whose heart they came.

WILLIAM INGRAHAM HAVEN.

Boston, Mass., Easter, 1893.



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"The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven."—1 Cor. xv, 47.

"Ye stars are but the shining dust
Of my divine abode,
The pavements of those heavenly courts
Where I shall reign with God.

"The Father of eternal light
Shall then his beams display,
Nor shall one moment's darkness mix
With that unvaried day."

I.

TWO GREEK BOOKS ON THE LIFE
BEYOND.

WHILE hastening on the sad errand of a funeral to my native home and parental roof, I beguiled the tedium of travel and the sorrowfulness of heart with readings by the way. I had two books with me, in which I daily buried the slowly flying hours—the “Odyssey” of Homer and the New Testament. I had come, in the reading of the former in course, to the visit of Ulysses to the realm of departed spirits, and my mind naturally wandered in the other among those passages that talk of the world unseen. You can hardly imagine the contrast. Both works written in the same language, both composed by men of the highest capacity, both treating on the same subject, and both solemnly considering this theme; but how different each from the other! How vast the space that separates these two creations!

I am not going to ask you to look on the one