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A HOLE IN BETINAL GREEN.



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"LONDON SHADOWS," "TOWN SWAMPS AND SOCIAL BRIDGES," EDITOR OF "THE BUILDER,"  
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ASSISTED BY MR. JOHN BROWN.

"The world may say I've fall'd; I have *not* fall'd.  
If I set truth 'fore men they will not see,  
'Tis they who fall, not I. My faith holds firm,  
And time will prove me right."

CHARLES SWAIN.

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## PRELIMINARY.

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LATELY, the people of Great Britain have been so violently excited by death in the workroom, amongst satin and flowers, death in the mother's arms, and death in the dank cellar; by death in Regent Street, death in Clerkenwell, and death in Bethnal Green, all premature and unnecessary, that they can scarcely require many more violent impulses to lead them to take any steps that may be necessary to prevent the repetition of such horrors,—to stop the involuntary suicide and unintentional murder now daily and hourly committed in the very centres of civilization.

Some previous endeavours on the part of the writer, humble but most earnest, to make apparent the frightful condition of parts of the metropolis and other large towns; the way in which life is shortened, health depreciated, happiness prevented, how the manners are degraded, crime and sorrow increased,—to show the evils that lie hidden around us on every side, and in the suppression of which all classes are, even selfishly, concerned,—met with wide and satisfactory recognition.

These endeavours had the countenance, if the observation may be permitted, of the good and illustrious Prince whom the nation does not cease to deplore; and Her Majesty the Queen was pleased “very graciously to accept,” in special terms, the little volumes setting forth some of the results of many examinations of the houses and resorts of the toiling population, made with a view to that suppression.