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" 'Tis ours to sow the precious grain,
Though falling where the parched soil
May seem to mark our labour vain,
Long ere with fruit it bless the toll,
'Tis Heaven's to send the sovereign dew,
To haste the gladsome harvest-time,
When earth shall all be crown'd anew,
Crown'd as in Eden's vernal prime."

AWOS.

TO
THE WIDOW AND DAUGHTER
OF THE DECEASED,
This Remoir,
PREPARED AT THEIR REQUEST,
IS
AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED,
BY
THEIR SINCERE FRIEND,
THE AUTHOR.

ADVERTISEMENT.

A FEW months ago, a brief Memoir of Mr. Hodgson appeared in the pages of the "Wesleyan-Methodist Magazine." But it was deemed desirable that a more extended account of his labours should be written; and I have attempted, therefore, to prepare a Memoir a little more worthy of his name and memory. To the General Secretaries of the Wesleyan Missionary Society my thanks are due, for the loan of all Mr. Hodgson's letters to the Committee from the commencement to the close of his Missionary career; and I have been greatly indebted also to the Rev. S. Broadbent, for the use of his Journals kept during the time that he was Mr. Hodgson's fellow-labourer. The Journals of Mr. Hodgson himself were furnished to me by Mrs. and Miss Hodgson;

the latter of whom, with true filial affection, took great pains to copy some portions that were scarcely legible, as well as several letters, &c., &c., relating to circumstances in her father's history. And now this volume is committed to the press, with the earnest hope that it may be rendered useful to the church of Christ, especially in awakening sympathy for Africa, and in exciting to liberality for its more rapid evangelization.

T. S.

Plymouth, December, 1853.

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