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“God touched him, and he slept.”

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## PREFACE.

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It was thought by friends, who had seen the childish writings of the subject of this sketch, that a selection from them might be interesting and suggestive to those of similar age. In making such selections, and connecting them by links of a brief life, but little varied by incident, a sorrowing heart has found solace, and been aided more fervently to say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord."

*Hartford, Conn., 1852.*





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## I.

### INFANT YEARS.

“Fair is the morn of life,  
Like blush of opening rose,  
Ere gathering cloud, or strife,  
Or thorn, it knows.”

ANDREW MAXIMILIAN SIGOURNEY, the youngest child of Charles Sigourney, Esq., and Lydia Huntley Sigourney, was born at Hartford, Conn., on Sunday, July 11th, 1830.

His infancy was healthful, and the diseases that hover round the early years of life touched him lightly and left no enduring trace. Love for his little sister, not two years older than himself, was among the first and strongest indications of his wakening heart. She was ever near him, and his large, bright eyes followed her movements with a loving wonder. The first smiles, so inexpressibly dear to a mother's heart, were divided with this fairy companion, who, with her bird-like tones, fondly solicited them. Great was