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TO THE MEMORY OF

WILLIAM LIVINGSTONE,

THE AUTHOR'S ONLY BROTHER.



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IN sending this book upon the sea of life, the Author is well aware that nothing will be found in its pages to startle the literary world. Should it be able, however, to take a place in the outer circle of minor poetry, the expectations of the Author will be realised.

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### MOTHER'S KNEE.

SITTING by the burning embers,  
Musing on the past,  
Shadows pass before my vision,  
Fleeting onward fast ;  
One is there which seems to linger,  
Oh ! how dear to me !  
'Tis a young child bending, praying,  
At a mother's knee.

Pondering here, enjoying manhood,  
Is that child myself ?  
Truly, many are life's changes,  
Coming on by stealth.