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"Till old Experience do attain
To something like prophetic strain."
MILTON.

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THIS BOOK OF
VERSIFIED APHORISMS
IS, BY DIRECT SANCTION
OF HER MAJESTY,
Dedicated
TO THE GRANDCHILDREN OF
THE QUEEN.

IN the eighty-first year of my age, I write these *VENUS*; they are the out-come of knowledge, based on experience, and matured by thought: the proceeds of *A LONG LIFE*.

A few dotted down reflections have grown into a Book.

I bequeath them as a *LEGACY* to my kind—with humility, but with faith, hope, trust, and love.

May they, by the aid and blessing of God, bear fruit!

Since they were written,—while they were passing through the press,—the partner of my pilgrimage, the participator in all my labours and cares, my companion, friend, counsellor, and wife, during fifty-six years, has been removed from earth and from me, from many friends who dearly loved her, and from a public by whom she was largely appreciated since the publication of her first Book (—followed by, I think, two hundred and fifty Books—) in the far-off year 1828. These verses are hardly less hers than mine. If I have striven—in humble, but fervent and prayerful, hope—to inculcate rectitude, goodness, love, sympathy, gentle and generous thinking, humanity, patience, virtue, and piety, Faith, Hope, and Charity—my work was suggested, encouraged, sustained—I will reverently add, inspired—by her.

This Book, therefore, although written by me, I hope may be regarded as a *MONUMENT TO HER MEMORY*.

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