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A COMFORT TO ALL WHO MOURN AND A HELP TO SUCH AS
NEED FAITH IN GOD AND HOPE OF HEAVEN.

George Washington
BY REV. G. W. QUINBY, D. D.

"We are conquerors and more than conquerors through Him that loved us."—PAC.

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted."—CHRIST.

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TO

THE MEMORY OF

THOSE

NEAR AND DEAR TO THE AUTHOR,

NOW IN

THEIR BEAUTIFUL HOME ABOVE,

THIS VOLUME

IS AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED.

Heaven our Home.

We are but strangers here,
Heaven is our home;
Earth has its glitt'ring cheer,
But Heaven is our home:
Danger and sorrow stand
Round us on every hand;
Heaven is our fatherland,—
Heaven is our home.

What though the tempest rage,
Heaven is our home;
Short is our pilgrimage,
Heaven is our home:
Time's cold and wintry blast
Soon will be overpast;
We shall reach home at last;
Heaven is our home.

There, at our Saviour's side,
Heaven is our home;
We shall be glorified,
Heaven is our home:
There are the millions blest,
Those we loved most and best,
And there we, too, shall rest;
Heaven is our home!

PREFACE.

This volume is sent forth from the heart of its author in the earnest hope that it will add joy to other hearts. There are clouds and tears enough;—we would bring sunshine and smiles. Great errors exist concerning Death and the Future,—errors that are the cause of very much sorrow in the world. Millions are in sadness because of their belief that there is no hereafter but that death is the end of all that is beautiful and noble which they love. Other millions mourn because of the more shocking belief that they themselves, or the dear objects of their affection, will be made to suffer long ages in a purgatorial condition of banishment from God, or endlessly after death, and all because of the nature God has given them in this life. And other millions still, weep simply because cherished ones have been removed from their embrace, and they are left alone in the world. For the hands and hearts of all such this volume is specially designed. By the proofs it contains of the certainty of another and more joyful existence for every soul of God's great family in Heaven at last, it would comfort all that are sad, giving them the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, and reconciling them to the Providence of that Infinite Being who is too wise to err and too good to be unkind.

That this result may be happily realized by those for whom the book is designed, is the warm prayer of

THE AUTHOR.

Augusta, Me., June 1, 1876.

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