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LUCY AT DEEPDENE.

'I was wishing for a figure.'—P. 27.

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'A bubble world
Whose colours in a moment break and fly.'
TENNYSON.

WITH NINE ILLUSTRATIONS.

R. WASHBOURNE,
18 PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON.

1885.

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TO MY DEAR PATRON,
THE VENERABLE JOHN EUDES,

I Dedicate these Tales,

IN THE HOPE THAT,
THROUGH HIS INTERCESSION,
THEY MAY PROMOTE THE GREAT WORK HE HAD SO
MUCH AT HEART; AND THAT THEY MAY BE
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND THE
GOOD OF 'SOULS, WHOM JESUS DIED TO SAVE,' TO
WARN THEM OF THE DANGER THAT
COMES FROM LISTENING TO
THE VOICE OF THE TEMPTER.

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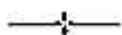
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P R E F A C E.



T is a truth, too often forgotten, that nothing in this world can be isolated or alone, can rest immovable in itself. Everything works to a certain end; each word, each action has a necessary consequence. This must be either good or bad, according to the source from which it arises. But the result may be seen and sudden, or it may be delayed and unseen; perhaps it is more fortunate when the reward of evil is quick and unmistakable.

These tales show how easily temptation may arise, and how much more easily it may be yielded to; while they bring out that terrible truth that events, apparently small and trifling, may grow into the most

fatal issues. If they keep the weak from falling, or encourage the wavering, or strengthen the feeble, their author will be satisfied. He hopes, too, they may soften the judgment of the unfallen, for those who are, perhaps, not weaker or more wicked, but only more tried and tempted than they themselves have been. For we are all encompassed with infirmity and feebleness; the attacks of evil are so many and so subtle, and in ourselves we have neither health, nor strength, nor courage to resist. So it is not for any of us to vaunt or boast; we can only pray, for ourselves and for others, that we may be delivered from the evil.