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TO MY SPIRIT INFLUENCES,

WHOSE TRANSPARENT MEDIUM I ASPIRE TO BE;

AND ESPECIALLY TO MY

NOBLE FATHER, AND MY LOVING MOTHER.

ABBY A. JUDSON.

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A SKETCH OF THE AUTHOR'S LIFE.

The following sketch of the author's life is presented, so that all who are interested in Baptist missionary work, and all who have been her pupils since she began to teach, in 1853, may know that it is indeed she who has become a Spiritualist and a worker for the cause of Spiritualism.

Abby A. Judson was born in Maulmain, Burmah, October 31, 1835. Her parents were Dr. Adoniram Judson, and Mrs. Sarah Hall Boardman Judson, both missionaries to what was then called the Burmese Empire.

In 1841, the family took a sea-voyage for their health, and her little brother Henry, tenderly spoken of as "little Henry of Serampore," passed to spirit-life in Serampore, near Calcutta. Early in 1845, her mother's health steadily declining, she accompanied her on a coast voyage to Tavoy and Mergui, the former place being the home of the two missionaries, fondly called Uncle and Aunty Wade, by all the children who knew them. (See page 262).

April 26, 1845, the whole family, except the three little ones, embarked for America. At Port Louis Mrs. Judson penned the affecting stanzas, two of which are quoted on page 91.

WHY SHE BECAME A SPIRITUALIST.

On Sept. 1, Mrs. Judson passed to spirit-life in the harbor of St. Helena, and her dear body was interred on that island. On Oct. 15, 1845, Dr. Judson, with his children Abby, Adoniram, and Elnathan, reached Boston. The following year, having married Mrs. Emily C. Judson, he sailed for Burmah, and passed in his turn to the other side of life, April 12, 1850.

Abby was educated at Bradford Academy, Mass.; at the school of Miss Anable, Philadelphia; of Mrs. Hubbard, Hanover, N. H.; of Miss Bucknall, New York City; and of Mrs. Buel, Providence, R. I.

From 1853 to 1854, she was a governess in New York City; from 1856 to 1859, she taught at the Female College in Worcester, Mass.; from 1860 to 1861, at the Seminary in Warren, R. I.; from 1861 to 1864, at Bradford Academy, Mass.; from 1864 to 1868, she was governess in families in Albany, N. Y., and in Fall River, Mass.; from 1868 to 1869, she had a private school in Plymouth, Mass.; and from 1869 to 1876, she taught in the High School in the same place.

After a year of travel in Europe, she taught from 1877 to 1879 in College Hill, Ohio. She then went to Minneapolis, and founded Judson Female Institute, which she carried on from 1879 to 1890. In the autumn of 1887, she became a Spiritualist. In 1890, she disposed of her Seminary, and has since devoted herself somewhat to giving private lessons,