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THIS VOLUME IS INSCRIBED,

WITH

SINCERE APPRECIATION AND AFFECTION.



Men are agents for the future !
As they work, so ages win
Either harvest of advancement,
Or the product of their sin :
Follow out true cultivation—
Widen education's plan ;
From the majesty of nature
Teach the majesty of man !
Take the spade of perseverance ;
Dig the field of progress wide :
Every bar to true instruction
Harrow out and cast aside !

Give the stream of education
Broader channel, bolder force ;
Hurl the stones of persecution
Out, where'er they block its course ;
Seek for strength in self-exertion ;
Work and still have faith to wait ;
Close the crooked gate to fortune ;
Make the road to honour *straight* !
Take the spade of perseverance ;
Dig the field of progress wide :
Every bar to true instruction
Harrow out and cast aside !



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'T WAS morn—but not the ray which falls the
summer boughs among,

When beauty walks in gladness forth, with all
her light and song ;

'Twas morn—but mist and cloud hung deep upon the
lonely vale,

And shadows, like the wings of death, were out upon
the gale.

For He whose spirit woke the dust of nations into
life—

That o'er the waste and barren earth spread flowers
and fruitage rife—

Whose genius, like the sun, illumed the mighty realms
of mind—

Had fled for ever from the fame, love, friendship of
mankind !