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With Introduction

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"Live for the present! Work to-day,
Its duties cannot brook delay;
To-morrow will not do,—the chime
Rings out the knell of passing time:
We reap but as we sow."



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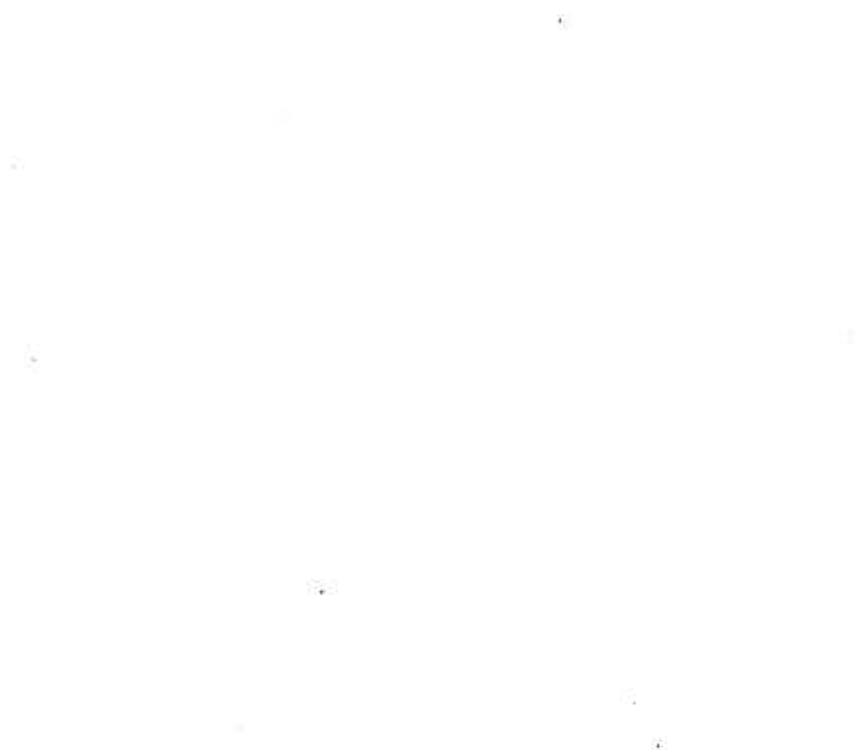
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INTRODUCTION.



THE Author of the present little book is already favourably known as a writer. "Toiling in Rowing" is the title of a volume of a similar character, and written with a similar object. It has been read with pleasure and profit by many. These are just the books for mothers' meetings and parochial libraries, and they will be found helpful by those who wish to promote a healthy tone of reading amongst the poor, while they will be perused with pleasure by the more cultivated. Every one laments the trash, and worse than trash, that is circulated because of its cheapness, amongst our working men, by means of penny journals and magazines, containing stories and articles often imbued with infidelity, and often tainted with sentiments that

hurt the mind and soil the imagination. A debt of gratitude is due to all who attempt to counteract the evil done by such a class of literature, and who endeavour to provide reading which will raise while it instructs the mind, and interest while it elevates the imagination.

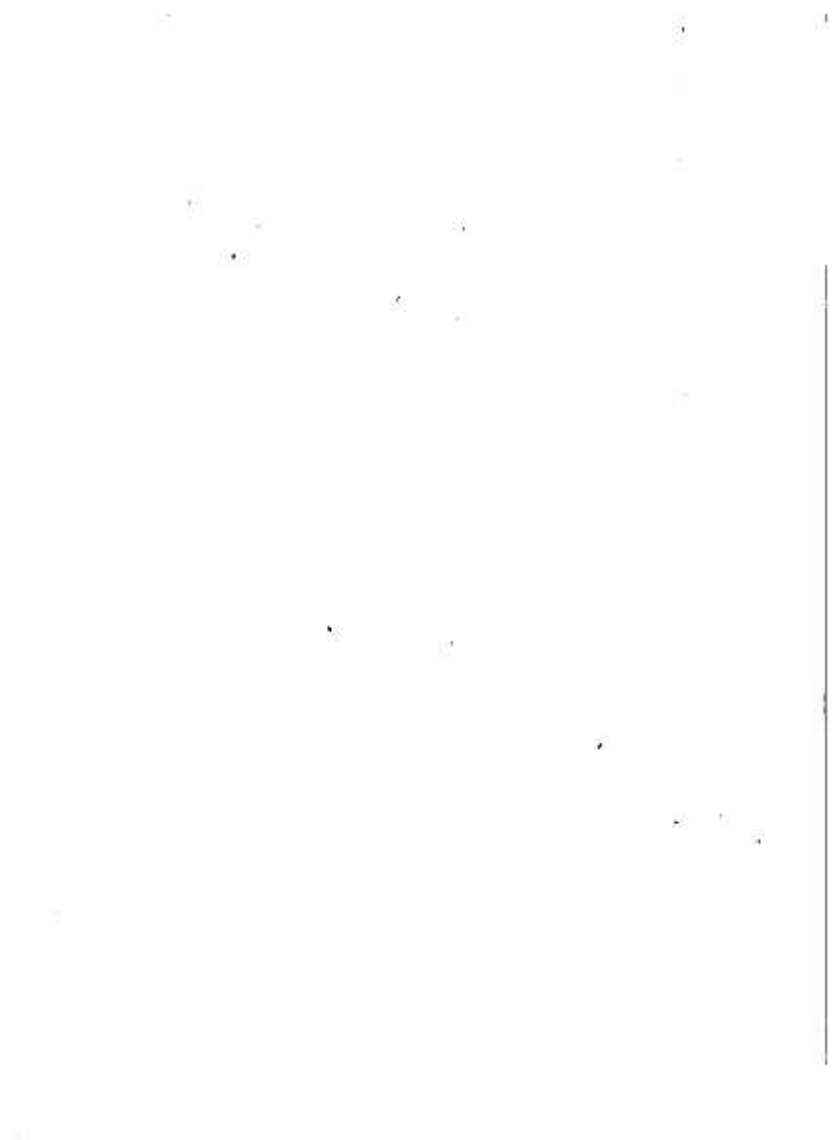
It has been the aim of the Author of "Oil for Creaking Hinges," not only to do this, but something more. She aims at the highest teaching of all, and leads the thoughts to the truest of all faith, the highest of all love, the purest of all hope. To show the reader where real peace is to be found, and how solid happiness is to be secured,—how the world may be used and not abused, and how heaven may stretch before the eye in unfading brightness,—has been the main object with the writer in the pages that follow; and as she does this, the good old beaten paths trodden by those who have run the race with patience, and finished the course, are followed without any deviation, any turning aside to the right hand or to the left. Unseduced by any of the novelties that abound in the present day, the Author "pursues the even tenor of her way." She seeks to introduce no new chords into the old

harmonies of redemption. She feels that any such attempt would only introduce a discord into the Divine song, and mar the sweet melody of the Gospel of peace. Salvation through grace, by faith in God's only Son, and man's only Saviour; regeneration by the operation of the Holy Ghost, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; an ever progressive sanctification, through the constraining power of the Spirit; is the Scriptural teaching that runs like a thread of gold through the whole book.

It is with pleasure, at the Author's wish, that I write these few lines as an introduction to a little work which is commended to the blessing of Him who is pleased with the feeblest attempt to serve Him, and who can use the weakest instrument to promote His glory and the salvation of sinners.

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Cheltenham.*



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